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Keith Colston of the Tuscarora/Lumbee tribes at a past Multicultural Fair. MWC's 11th Annual Multicultural Fair will be held April 7, 2001.

The Face of Madagascar

▲ *Arrange your shadows well on the side of the road, so that in times of great heat you can find refuge.*

▲ *When you sing the work is less difficult.*

"The Face of Madagascar: Photographs by Janice Levy" (an exhibit in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery from Jan. 25-March 2, 2001) represents an intriguing collaboration between contemporary photographer Janice Levy and her subject — the people of Madagascar called the Malagasy. The Malagasy expand and interpret Levy's ongoing documentary record of them by associating her photographs with traditional cultural proverbs.

For the Malagasy, proverbs are not only a form of poetry and literature; they also provide a means of addressing essential aspects of their culture and their lives. Levy meets with Malagasy elders to review each photograph and to discuss its meaning and possible relevance to a particular Malagasy proverb. After the elders reach a consensus on a proverb, that proverb is paired with the photograph and becomes an integral component of the creative act. In this way, the people of Madagascar, themselves, are able to share with us the most important parts of themselves and their culture.

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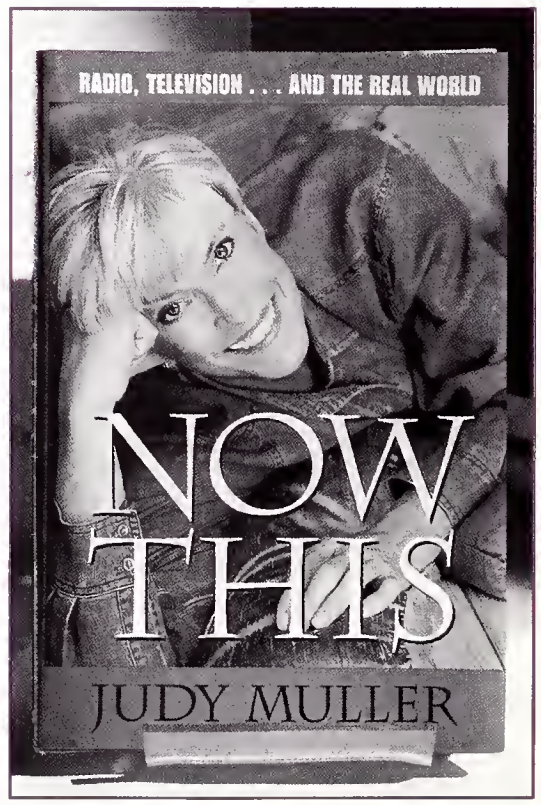
MWC Graduate Judy Muller

BY ANTOINETTE R. PARKER

As a radio and television journalist, Judy Mansfield Muller '69 has traveled throughout the United States and the world, covering news stories ranging in subject matter from a presidential campaign to the legality of distributing digitized music. Muller's career has transported her from the East Coast, where she worked as an anchor for CBS News Radio in New York, to the West, where she currently works as an ABC News correspondent in Los Angeles, reporting for shows such as "World News Tonight with Peter Jennings" and "20/20," and as a commentator for NPR's "Morning Edition." But even though the fast-paced world of media keeps the magna cum laude graduate of MWC constantly on the go, she still finds time to return to Fredericksburg, to her college home.

Muller's post-graduation involvement with MWC began in 1995, when she was asked to address the graduating class at commencement. "I worked so hard on that speech, I cannot even tell you," she said. "I was so honored." *MWC Today* reported on the story in the fall issue that year, saying that she had "urged the graduates to use the gift of a liberal arts education to remain '... open, not opinionated; judicious, not judgmental; and concerned citizens, not cynical critics.'" In April 1996, she returned to the campus as moderator of the first Fredericksburg Forum. "Presidents, Power and the Press" featured John Kenneth Galbraith, professor of economics emeritus at Harvard; David Gergen, *U.S. News and World Report*'s editor-at-large; and Helen Thomas, former White House bureau chief for United Press International.

The efforts of the College keep her coming back to her alma mater, Muller said. "I would have to say that Presi-



dent Anderson and Ron Singleton [senior vice president] are masters of persuasion. And I'm glad they are, because I have felt connected to this College, and I don't know, living so far away, that I would have. But they make it easy to come back. They make it fun. And I get to meet wonderful people. John Kenneth Galbraith I might not have met."

Last fall, Muller, a 1991 co-recipient of the Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award, returned to the College to address the President's Book Club. In her new book, *Now This*, she discusses the sometimes comical, sometimes stressful intersections between career and family, and offers commentary on issues that most of us have seen in headlines or on television, but which, as a reporter, she experienced firsthand.

For the President's Book Club, she personalized the stories by reading passages from the book, her deep, distinctive, broadcaster's tone adding a new dimension to the written words, creating a memorable experience for the audience. She also spoke to Steve Watkins' journalism class, and joined the panel of the fall Fredericksburg Forum, which featured Nobel Peace Prize winner and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel.

Today, Muller continues her involvement with the College by serving as an ambassador for the future Alumni Executive Center. Her objective was to have anything she supports at the College benefit the students who are currently enrolled — whether the benefits are direct or indirect.

"At first glance, an alumni center might not seem to serve that purpose," she said, "but if you look at the importance of having a place where former students can come, a place you can hold functions that attract community leaders and influential guests — all that adds to the prestige of the College. It also all has a trickle-down effect to the students, because you then attract better and better students when you have that kind of prestige.

"And I think a center like that — where you can have banquets and big events and house important guests and attract good speakers — will really pay off in the end. It's not that Mary Washington doesn't already attract good speakers or attract good students — it does. But I think you can always add to that by having an actual building that can house all of those functions."

Muller believes that the future center will also allow students to benefit from interaction with alumni. An added benefit to alumni, she said, will be the proximity of the building at Trench Hill to downtown Fredericksburg.

"It's within easy distance of all the things you'd want to see, so guests would have no trouble getting around to see the town and visit the battlefield .... I'm not Southern, but one of the things I liked about coming to school in the South was that everything is just a little more gracious. And I think being the gracious host to visitors is a nice element about Mary Washington."

Muller notes that today, MWC has more on-campus activities to offer than when she was a student. "This was the road-trip capital of the world here," she said. "People were either coming in or we were going out ... we didn't stick around much. On campus, they brought a few things in. But I think it is so improved now. What I see is that Mary Washington is reaching out to really take full advantage of its proximity to Washington. And to be able to get people like David Gergen and Helen Thomas and people like Elie Wiesel to come here to spend a day is a tremendous thing."

And, of course, it is always a distinct honor to host Judy Muller.

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Judy Muller (far right) and panelists Bob Randolph, assistant administrator for Asia and the Near East for the U.S. Agency for International Development, and Professor David Cain gave full attention to Elie Wiesel.

ELIE WIESEL

BY KIMBERLY P. WHITE '01

"Every minute somewhere on this planet a child dies of disease, hunger, or violence. Every minute. I am spending 90 minutes here on this stage together with you, which means that by the end of our meeting, 90 children will have died," said Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel.

The Nobel Peace Prize-winning author was addressing a sold-out crowd in Dodd Auditorium as the fall speaker for the Fredericksburg Forum. He asked, "Are we doing enough to protect these children?"

Although some thought Wiesel would lecture on the Holocaust, since he lost his mother, father, and younger sister and is himself a survivor of Auschwitz, Buna and Buchenwald, he explained later, "For me it is a sacred subject. That is why I have written books. And I don't teach that course. I cannot."

When he took the podium, Wiesel acknowledged the efforts of Distinguished Professor of Religion David Cain in bringing him to Mary Washington as well as their 18-year friendship. These two men share more than friendship; they share a love for teaching. Teaching and talking to students were two of Wiesel's main goals during his visit to Mary Washington. "How can I be a teacher if I don't talk to students?" he asked.

Wiesel did talk to students, as well as faculty and community members. Before discussing hatred, he spoke on topics ranging from children ("I have a mantra and the mantra is children") to the Bible to history. Though he began on a lighthearted note, saying, "I have spent already two hours here at this college, and I have a feeling that I am better known here than in the city where I live," Wiesel soon addressed some difficult topics.

In citing the Bible stories of Cain and Abel, Abraham and Isaac, and finally Job, he drew his discussion into history and his focus on children. If they are hungry, "not they, but I should be ashamed." He talked about the massive killings throughout history — the Crusades and the Inquisition — and asked the question: Why do people kill each other?

"Every death is a blemish on creation. When you multiply that by six million, it is a blemish on God's memory as well."

This discussion introduced thoughts on relationships between people and included memories of his arrival to the United States. One of his most poignant memories of America is of his first arrival here in the late 1950s.

"My dear friends, I came to the South, the Deep South, and I saw the signs" [designating places] "... Whites Only," he said. Wiesel then paused, looked out at the audience, and said, "I felt shame for being white — for the first time in my life." Wiesel felt that "the law was unlawful." He said, "The law must humiliate an entire human community because of color — men, women, children? To humiliate is a sin."

Wiesel discussed some of the changes in America's laws that make humiliation illegal now. Though "unlawful" laws have changed, he said, there are still groups in the world and in America whose purpose is to hate and humiliate. He reminded the audience that most of these groups are small. "Dangerous, but small," he said.

The last of the 90 minutes ticked away. The audience headed out into the night with a better understanding of Wiesel and his concern for children. "I am inspired by children," Wiesel said. "Always by children. Each time I start a cause it is always because of children. If they suffer, I feel guilty. It's not that they need me; they don't. I need them. And they inspire me."

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The following morning, Elie Wiesel presented a class open to Dr. Cain's Wiesel seminar as well as other students. The Lee Hall Ballroom was full, leaving many to sit on the floor or stand. Students asked questions that led Wiesel to talk more directly about the Holocaust. One asked, "Can you remember a good day?" Wiesel responded, "Absolutely. A good day was when I had a larger portion of bread."

Another student asked him what he wanted readers to take away from his books. Wiesel responded, "An awareness — to me that is the key." Wiesel is the author of more than 30 books of various kinds — novels, collections of essays, "reports to history," memoirs, etc. — with the Holocaust ever in the background but rarely in the foreground.

Partial Book List:

Night
Dawn
The Accident
The Town Beyond the Wall
A Beggar in Jerusalem
The Testament: A Novel
The Forgotten
From the Kingdom of Memory
All Rivers Run to the Sea
And the Sea Is Never Full
The Gates of the Forest

You Could Not Have Been More Gracious

BY DAVID W. CAIN

For three decades the evening which turned out to be Wednesday, October 4, 2000, was a dream. Thanks to Mary Washington College. Thanks to the Fredericksburg Forum and to the staff of MWC's College Relations Office, who were splendid to work with. Thanks to students over the years. I think of the many students who invested in Elie Wiesel's authorship in and outside of courses and who would have loved to have been present. In fact, some students returned and some stayed on for the occasion.

Elie Wiesel writes, "God made man because he loves stories." Do stories still have meaning after the end of a world? Can stories still orient human life and offer and sustain hope? Elie Wiesel risks and wagers that stories do and can because stories *must*: because *we* are stories, stories twisting, turning, stories in the making — too often broken, unfinished, stories. God made man because he loves … stories: a tragic recognition and a rich affirmation.

So books and years have increased nearly together for almost 50 years in a singular authorship and life and witness with the Nobel Peace Prize and a host of high honors punctuating the way, a way of searching, interrogating, and celebrating the stories of Jewish tradition — biblical, Talmudic, Hasidic — to try the weight of words — and the weight of silence — after the end of a world.

Elie Wiesel has somehow become a conscience in the throes of the unconscionable, somehow almost able to transmute horror into hope. We marvel at the extraordinary dedication of this person as writer and as witness. His fidelity spills over onto us as gift but also as burden, responsibility, call and charge.

He writes, "Without God, life would be without problems, without anguish, without hope. For God is not only the answer to those who suffer as a result of questions; God is also the question to those who think they have found the answer." Or in the words of one of his beloved Hasidic partners in dialogue, Menachem Mendl of Kotzk, the Kotzker rebbe, "In order to avoid spending one's life tracking down truth, one pretends to have found it." The questioning and the tracking continued on that early October evening in Dodd Auditorium.

Next morning was the "class" in Ann Carter Lee Hall Ballroom. I was delighted that he had agreed to meet with my seminar in Elie Wiesel (20 students). Weeks before, the calls and e-mails began coming: may my students, can my class, may I come, too? I decided to open the doors as wide as possible. I thanked him for agreeing to attend the class and confessed to my dilemma: maintain the identity of the seminar or open things up? He said, "You kept the seminar, of course." I said, "I opened the doors." He smiled. After the engaging session of student questions and fascinating responses, he remained, signing books and shaking hands with the many students who had cued up.

Elie Wiesel and I had time to visit — and a wonderful visit. I had first "met" him, I believe in 1973, at a synagogue in Baltimore where I had taken a group of students to hear him lecture. That was a brief "Shalom, shalom." Years later my wife and I were with friends in New York. Somehow the conversation led to mention of my investment in the authorship of Elie Wiesel. One guest asked, "Would you like to meet Elie?" Through the kindness of that mutual friend, Elie Wiesel and I met in his Manhattan study overlooking Central Park in January 1982. We remained in touch. Now, 18 years later, we spoke of gratitude for teachers, for students. We spoke of his son, of my daughters. We spoke of pens as friends. Elie: "I write my books with pens. When I have finished a book, I put the pen I have used in a very special place and begin a new book with a new pen." "You know," I said, "we human beings are strange creatures, aren't we?" We laughed. His warmth and humor came through.

Would he like to see something of Fredericksburg? Yes. We drove along Sunken Road, past the stone wall of the Battle of Fredericksburg, to the boat dock, down Caroline Street, stopping at Goolrick's Pharmacy for mosquito bite medication ("If there are a thousand people and one mosquito, the mosquito finds me.") — and fresh-squeezed lemonade. "You could not have been more gracious," I said in parting. "Nor could you." "Peace." He walked to his motel entry, turned, and gave a jaunty salute.

"I am writing a book now about my teachers and my friends," he had told me. "And sometimes the two become one," I commented. "Exactly," he responded with alacrity, "that is how I intend to end the book." That is how our visit ended as well. He my teacher, I his student — and we had become friends.

David Cain is distinguished professor of religion at MWC. A recipient of the Grellet C. Simpson Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, he is the author/photographer of An Evocation of Kierkegaard/En Fremkaldelse af Kierkegarrd (1997). *Dr. Cain has been teaching seminars on the authorship of Elie Wiesel since 1979.*

Smiles and hugs were visible across campus and all around town Sept. 22-24, 2000. That's to be expected when MWC has Family Weekend! Picnickers — including families, students, faculty and staff — were entertained by the MWC Jazz Ensemble, Trebelmakers and the Symfonics. Art exhibits and theatrical productions beckoned some parents and students, while tennis, soccer and baseball called sports fans to the Battleground Complex to cheer on MWC teams.

After squeezing in sightseeing tours around campus, historic downtown Fredericksburg, Belmont, and the James Monroe Museum, some families still had enough energy to rock at an under-the-stars sock hop on Lee Hall patio.

Family

Weekend

EAGLES

FALL 2000 ATHLETICS REVIEW

Seniors Lea Schon (left) and Ashley Knapp claimed the ITA Southeast Regional doubles title in September.

BY CLINT OFTEN

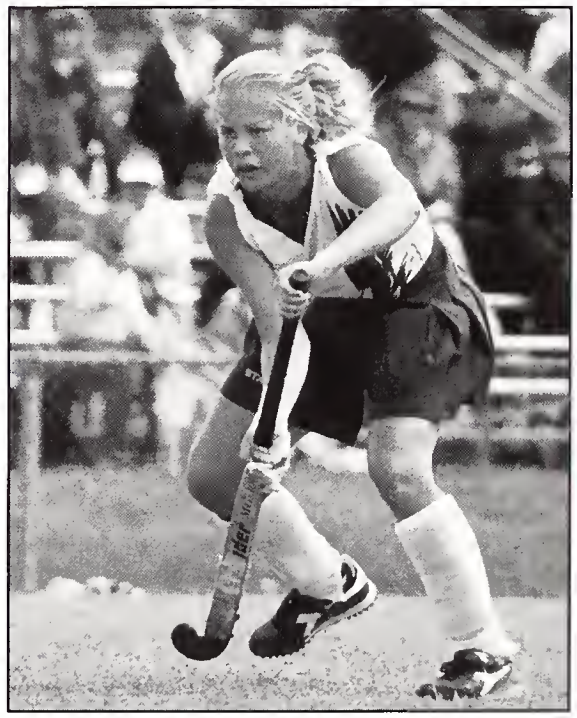
Highlighted by several outstanding individual accomplishments and one conference championship, the fall 2000 season was a successful one for Mary Washington College.

The cross-country teams of Stan Soper were again among the top teams in the region. The women claimed their ninth Capital Athletic Conference championship in 10 years, and finished third at the NCAA Regional Championships. Freshman Maggie Marriott was named CAC Rookie of the Year for her efforts in finishing eighth overall in the championship race. The women harriers also won the Mason-Dixon Championship and the Virginia State Division II/III crowns again in 2000. The men's cross-country team saw junior Travis Jones win both the Virginia State Championship as well as the Mason-Dixon Conference races. Freshman Erich Heckel claimed CAC Rookie of the Year after a top-five finish at the conference championship, and all-region honors for finishing 23rd at the NCAA Regionals.

The field-hockey team had a successful campaign, finishing 14-6 on the season, and were ranked as high as 11th in the nation. The Eagles saw five players earn All-Capital Athletic Conference honors, with freshman defender Andi Sasin claiming CAC Co-Rookie of the Year honors. Junior Jessica Morris, the school's season-goals record-holder, was named second team All-America, and senior Amy Smith and junior Christine Ballance were selected to the All-Region second team.

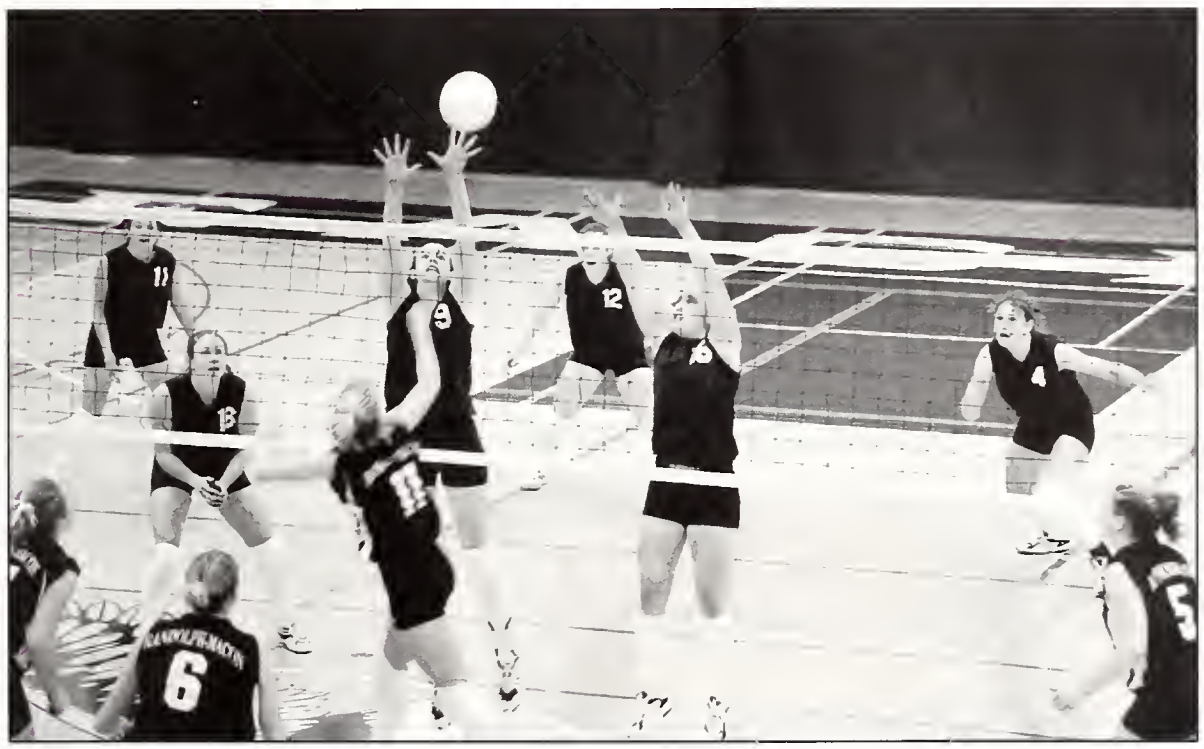
Roy Gordon's men's soccer team won 12 games for the 16th time in the past 17 years, finishing 12-6 and advancing to the CAC Championship match for the ninth time in 10 years. Sophomores Matt Heimerle and Michael Nissim-Sabat and junior Aaron Bernstein were named to the Capital Athletic Conference's all-league first team, while sophomore Ryan Geib and junior Martin Smith were selected to the All-CAC second team.

Women's soccer was again among the best programs at the school this year, finishing with a 14-4-1 record. Senior All-America midfielder Ellen Anderson finished her brilliant career by breaking



All-American forward Jessica Morris '02

The Eagle mascot lends encouragement to action on the playing field.



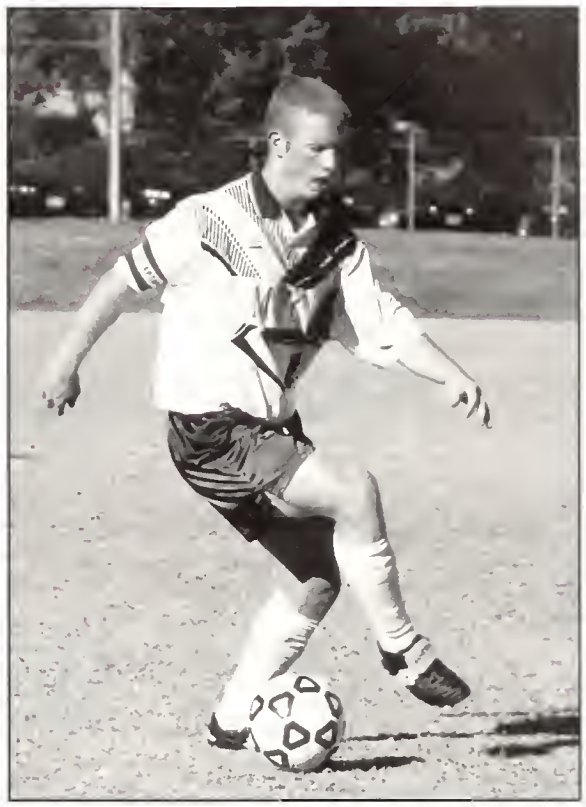
The MWC volleyball team, led by Monica Bintz '02 (#9), led the CAC in hitting percentage.

the school records for career goals (47) and total points (125). Anderson was named the CAC Player of the Year for the second year, and was joined on the league's all-star team by junior forward Bridget White and junior defender Rebecca Vaccaro.

Dee Conway's volleyball team had an outstanding season, getting off to a very impressive 12-2 start en route to an 18-11 season in which the Eagles advanced to the CAC semifinals. Junior Monica Bintz was named first team All-CAC after leading the conference with a .324 hitting average, and finishing among the top six in the league in kills, service aces, and blocking. Bintz and senior Chrissi Stoehr were also selected to the Verizon Academic All-Region team for the second consecutive year.

Seniors Lea Schon and Ashley Knapp advanced to the ITA Women's Tennis Small College National Championships in Memphis, Tenn., after winning the ITA Regional event at MWC in October. For Schon, the trip to Memphis was her second in as many years, as she advanced all the way to the national final in singles a year ago.

The riding team cruised through the fall semester, and currently sits atop the regional standings. Coach Kathy Danielson's squad will have a very good chance of repeating as regional champions and

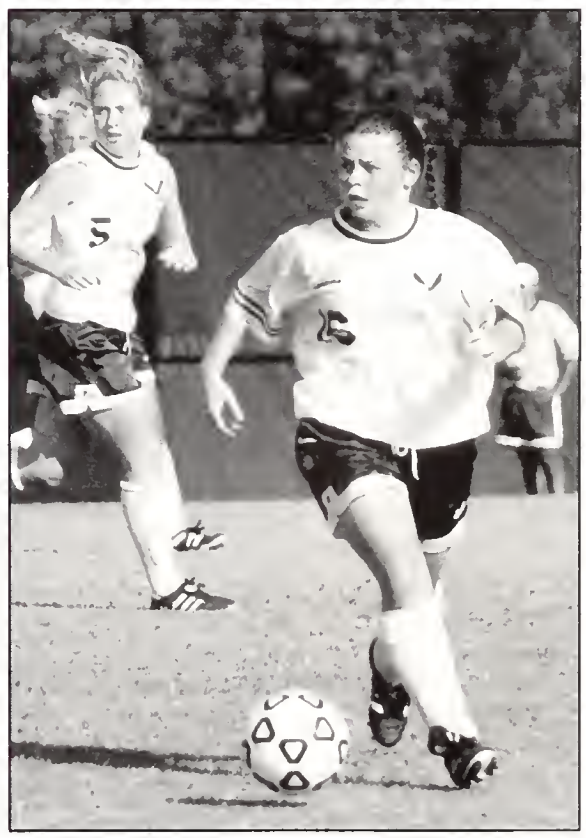


All-CAC defender Ryan Geib '03

advancing to the national show this spring. MWC finished first at shows at Goucher College and the University of Richmond, and holds a six-point lead over Goucher in the end-of-semester standings.

Brad Holdren's rowing teams continued to be among the best on the East Coast this fall, claiming medals in four events at the Head of the South Regatta at the culmination of the fall season. Included were gold medals by the women's novice eight, the women's championship eight, and the men's single, rowed by senior Joe Petrick.

Clint Often is sports information director at MWC.



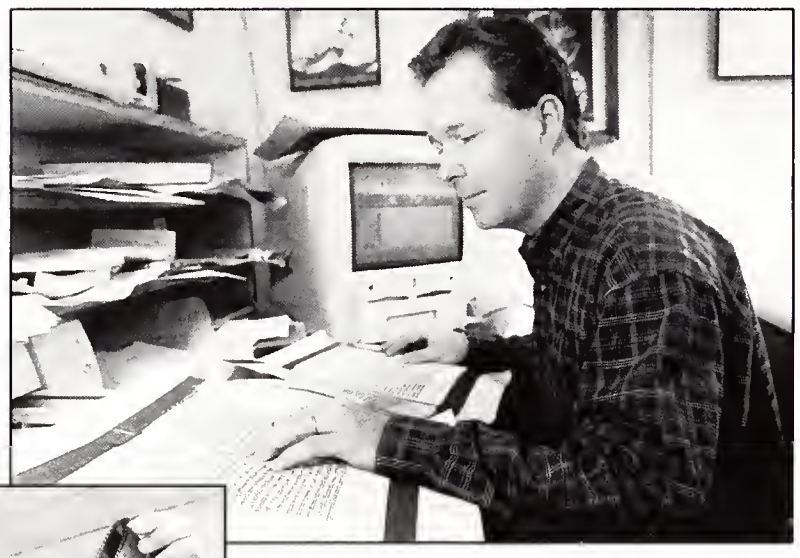
All-region defender Rebecca Vaccaro '02

Major Research Grants

The Department of History and American Studies is benefiting from the awarding of major research grants to three of its members during the 2000-01 academic year: Allyson M. Poska, Bruce R. O'Brien, and Chalmers Hood. It is quite unusual for three persons from a department of its size to earn, independently, three such prestigious, nationally competitive awards for the same year.

Dr. Poska received a National Endowment for the Humanities grant; Dr. O'Brien's came from the American Philosophical Society; Dr. Hood's was awarded by the American Council of Learned Societies. All are full-year stipends for primary source research.

Poska's topic is the lives of 17th-century peasant women in northwestern Spain. She is studying the ways regional culture focused on women, who frequently acted as permanent heads of households, with men so frequently gone to the Americas for extended periods. The northwestern region of Spain developed a tradition of matrilineal inheritance, which permitted women to accumulate significant amounts of property and capital — unusual for the times and the country. Poska's work is inter-disciplinary, drawing from social history, anthropology, folklore and gender studies. Prior to receiving this grant, Poska's research was funded by MWC faculty development grants, and conducted over several years in Spanish archives.



Above:
Allyson M. Poska is conducting interdisciplinary research with an NEH grant.

Far Right:
Professor O'Brien works with a British Library manuscript holding the oldest translated code of English law.

Right:
Chalmers Hood rechecks a segment of microfilm for his research on Admiral Francois Darlan.

O'Brien is seeking an explanation of the motives, methods and consequences of oral and written translation in England, from ninth-century Scandinavian settlement, through King Alfred, and on to the 13th-century post-Conquest monarchy. Language preferences during this period shifted from Norse to Anglo-Saxon, to English, to French, and finally back to English, while Latin remained a kind of official *lingua franca*. This was the most linguistically diverse period in British history. O'Brien is examining why and how translation changed the way people lived and thought. For example, how was cultural identity influenced? What about cultural dominance and ethnic conflict? The title of his resulting work will be *Conquering Babel: Translation in England from Alfred to the Thirteenth Century.*

A social and political biography of Admiral Francois Darlan will be the result of Hood's research. Darlan was a career French naval officer, who rose to the top of his profession on the eve of World War II. He became defacto Prime Minister of the collaborationist regime in Vichy during his tenure, January 1941-May 1942. It was then that German pressure was first exerted on France to start its own kind of racial purification program. Darlan was eventually assassinated by followers of de Gaulle. Until 1993, Darlan's papers remained literally buried, and even now, significant portions of crucial documentation remain concealed. In this grant effort, a chief goal is to gain access to this material. Progress is already well underway, following three smaller summer research grants from other foundations, with the eventual goal of a neutral and unbiased account of this controversial man's life. Observing and analyzing how people deal with nationalist extremism is a collateral goal.

U.S.-China Business

BY ANTOINETTE R. PARKER

As part of Asian-Awareness week last November, Professor Margaret Klayton-Mi's Marketing Management-Global Awareness class welcomed guest-lecturer Karen M. Sutter, director of business advisory services at the U.S.-China Business Council in Washington, D.C. The council is the principle organization for U.S. corporations engaged in business in the Republic of China. It is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan, member-supported organization.

Ms. Sutter, one of four consultants serving 250-member companies, spoke on various topics relating to China, and answered student-questions relevant to class projects.

Professor Klayton-Mi also asked Ms. Sutter to forecast the types of products that would sell well in China. She offered the following suggestions:

- niche products (e.g. high-end luxury goods, cosmetics, and baby products) for targeted markets in the major cities
- information technology products — both hardware and software
- services — a newly opening and rapidly growing sector in China

Ms. Sutter is a graduate of the University of Virginia, with an M.A. in International Studies from the University of Washington. Her analyses of the China market and broader Asian issues have appeared in various U.S.-China Business Council publications, the *Asian Wall Street Journal*, the *Journal of Northeast Asian Studies* and other publications. More information about the U.S.-China Business Council can be found on their Web site at http://www.uschina.org/.

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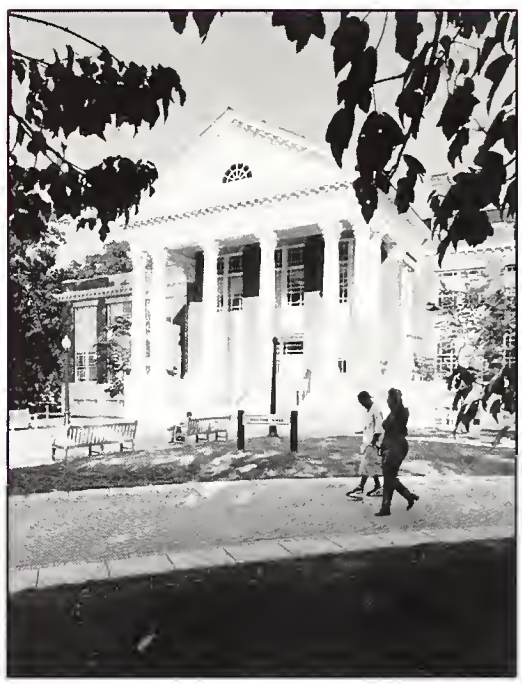
RE-ACCREDITATION: Moving to University Status



BY LARRY W. PENWELL

Every 10 years Mary Washington College conducts a self-study to assure that it meets the criteria for accreditation set by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). At the end of the study we are visited by a team assembled by SACS to review the study and make recommendations about re-accreditation. In accord with our accreditation cycle, a visiting committee from SACS will conduct a review of our efforts in the spring 2003.

Recently SACS has introduced a new approach to the self-study, allowing institutions preparing for re-accreditation to focus the self-study on a strategic topic of importance to the school. We have chosen to take advantage of this opportunity to explore the changes called for by the addition, and anticipated growth, of the Stafford Campus — the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies. Our proposed self-study — now approved by SACS — is titled *Moving to University Status: Assessing the Opportunities and Demands, Ordering Priorities, and Safeguarding Existing Strengths.*

Work has already begun. To date, about 80 people, including faculty, administrators, students, the Board of Visitors, alumni and members of the regional community, are involved in a variety of committees studying the changes called for by the addition of the second campus. If you would like to learn more about MWC's self-study, please visit our Web site at http://www.mwc.edu/mwc_sacs. The site includes an online discussion forum, which we hope you will take the time to join.

Larry W. Penwell is director of the self-study and associate professor, Department of Business Administration and Department of Psychology.

Nominations For Awards

Once again it's time to gather nominations of candidates for two of Mary Washington's most prominent faculty awards — the Grellet C. Simpson Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching, and the Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Award. Nominations are welcome from any member of the College community — students, alumni, staff and faculty. They should take the form of a letter to Dean Philip L. Hall, (1301 College Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401-5358), and each letter should cite specific reasons for the nominations, not just general approbation. The deadline this year for the receipt of such letters is Monday, April 9.

All regular, full-time continuing faculty are eligible to be nominated for the Simpson Award. However, only those who have been at Mary Washington for between two and five years are eligible to be nominated for the Outstanding Young Faculty Award.

Willard Scott At Belmont

Television personality Willard Scott, host of Home and Garden Television's "Christmas Across America," is shown with Belmont Director David Berreth (left), and Curator Joanna Catron, during filming of the holiday special at Belmont in December.

Rector of the Board of Visitors Vincent A. DiBenedetto III '83 and Seth Kennard '01 initiate the new pool table.

MWC Opens New Student Recreation Center

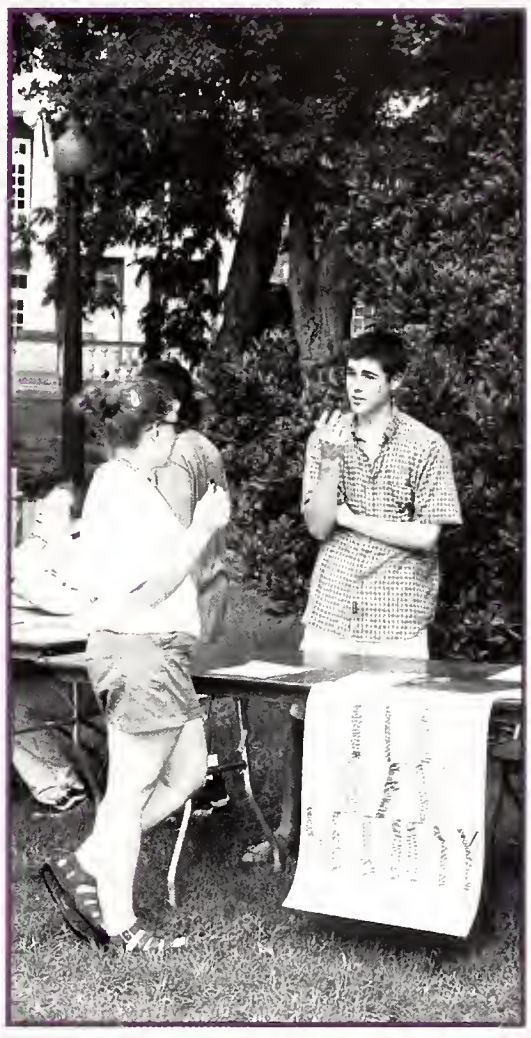
The cutting of an enormous gold ribbon marked the opening of MWC's new student recreation center last October. Located in Woodard Campus Center, the new facility features spaces for students to gather and talk, a jukebox, several TV's, video games and more. Students attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony received raffle tickets for prizes, which included gift certificates to Best Buy and the campus bookstore. Free tokens were dispensed, and students, along with members of the Board of Visitors and the administration, celebrated the official opening of the balloon-decorated center by playing games and sampling from a catered display of hors d'oeuvres.

Artist Nancy Spero

The art of Nancy Spero has long given eloquent testimony to the cruel and often violent ways in which women have been oppressed throughout the history of humankind. At the same time, however, Spero has consistently celebrated the creative, regenerative and ultimately humanistic impulses of the feminine principle and of women's progressive struggle for authority over their bodies and their lives. "Nancy Spero: Sheela Does Fredericksburg" (Oct. 5-Dec. 15, 2000 in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery) presented a superb collection of recent works on paper and installation pieces by this internationally acclaimed New York-based artist.

Club Carnival

Club Carnival, held in September, gave students a chance to explore the different clubs available on MWC's campus. About 60 organizations were represented in the event, which was sponsored by the Inter-Club Association (ICA) and took place in Ball Circle. Interested students walked around the enormous ring of tables and spoke to club representatives, some who offered handouts and other printed materials about their groups. Others gave demonstrations of their activities. Kedron Bullock '01, ICA chair, said, "Club Carnival is a great opportunity for … students … to find their niche here at Mary Washington."



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Senior lecturer addresses audience at national event in D.C.

"Children: Our Hope for the Future" was the national theme for the month-long celebration of the 2000 National Hispanic Heritage Month. Maria Riegger, senior lecturer in Spanish at MWC, was one of two keynote speakers at the event held in Washington, D.C. Riegger, who is originally from Buenos Aires and came to the U.S. in her early teens, spoke on the different "modes of perception" between Hispanic and Anglo cultures, and relayed how Hispanic children can inherit both modes of perception, to "bridge the cultural divide."

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the program also featured Lori Delgado, executive assistant for the USDA Hispanic Advisory Council.

Riegger is also producer of "The Latin Connection," a program which appears on Adelphia cable.

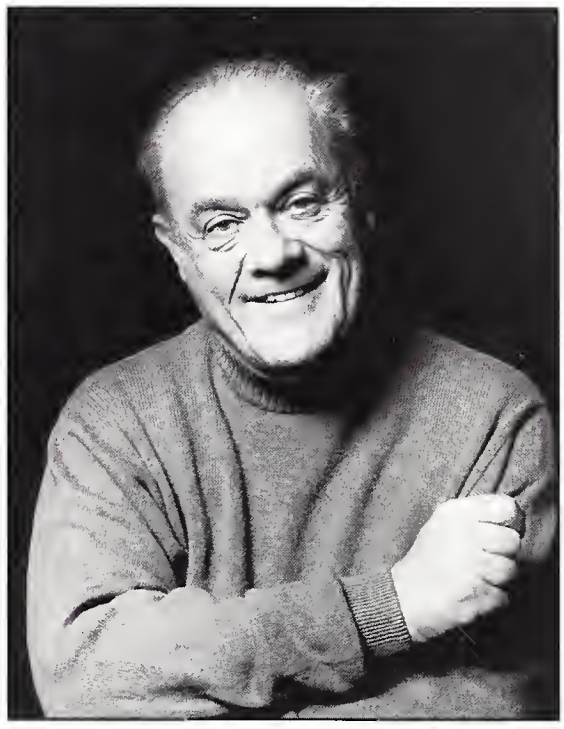
EVENTS ON CAMPUS

September

Artist Helen Mirkil, an expert in women's self-portraiture, lectured on the work of Phyllis Ridderhof Martin as part of the exhibition, "Caught in the Act: Portraits of the Artist at Work by Phyllis Ridderhof Martin"... Award-winning pianist Lynne Mackey performed in concert, "Music of Spanish Influence," held in Pollard Hall. The program was part of the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration at the College...The James Monroe Museum hosted its 11th Annual Little Welsh Festival to celebrate President Monroe's Welsh heritage...The Mary Washington College Department of Theatre and Dance opened its 2000-2001 season with "Vaudevilles," a collection of vignettes by Russian playwright Anton Chekhov (1860-1904). The vignettes included "On the Harmful Effects of Tobacco" (1902), "The Bear" (1888), "The Proposal" (1888), "The Jubilee" (1891), and "The Night Before the Trial" (1890s)...Annmarie Cozzi '82 was named MWC's 2000 Distinguished Psychology Graduate-in-Residence. She gave presentations in several psychology classes, met informally with students, and delivered a lecture, "Victim Impact Statements in Death Penalty Litigation: One Prosecutor's Experience"...The Student Government Association of MWC hosted "Virginia's First District Congressional Debate," featuring four congressional candidates from the region.

October

The works of internationally acclaimed New York-based artist Nancy Spero was on display at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery. The exhibit, "Sheela Does Fredericksburg," is a collection of works on paper, video and installation pieces...An artist forum, featuring the husband and wife team of Leon Golub and Nancy Spero, took place in Trinkle Hall...Feminist writer Gloria E. Anzaldúa kicked off Mary Washington College's Seventh Annual Cultural Awareness Series and served as the keynote speaker for the campus's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month...The Friends of the Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra hosted "Fiddlestix," a classical musical series for young children. The concert took place on the Washington Avenue Mall. The program, "An Afternoon of Bagpipes," featured musician Ray Scott, professor of chemistry at Mary Washington College...The Historic Preservation Club at MWC held its 16th Annual Ghost Walk...The Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra presented its fall con-



Charles Rosen

cert, featuring Natashka Petrova Uzunova and Michael Deynov Ivanov, visiting musicians from Bulgaria making their U.S. debut...Pianist Charles Rosen gave a recital in Pollard Hall. In addition, he delivered a lecture on Beethoven...Judy Muller, ABC News correspondent and author of *Now This,* spoke to a journalism class, as well as other English classes, and addressed the President's Book Club. In addition, she served as a panel member for the Fredericksburg Forum, featuring scholar Elie Wiesel, during her visit to campus... The sixth annual Fredericksburg AIDS Walk was held. The 5K walk began at Mary Washington College, wound through Fredericksburg, and ended back on campus... Art historian and archaeologist Joan Connelly served as this year's Phi Beta

Joan Connelly

Kappa Visiting Scholar. She presented a lecture, "Beyond the Icon: The Parthenon and Its Sculptured Frieze"... Mary Washington College and the Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault (RCASA) held a candlelight vigil, "Walking Hand in Hand: The Journey from Victim to Survivor," in support of victims of sexual assault... Belmont, the Gari Melchers Estate and Memorial Gallery, was selected by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to participate in the new "Historic Artists' Homes and Studios" program. The program is an 18-month initiative focused on identifying and helping selected American art-related historic sites to preserve, document and interpret their collections and buildings.

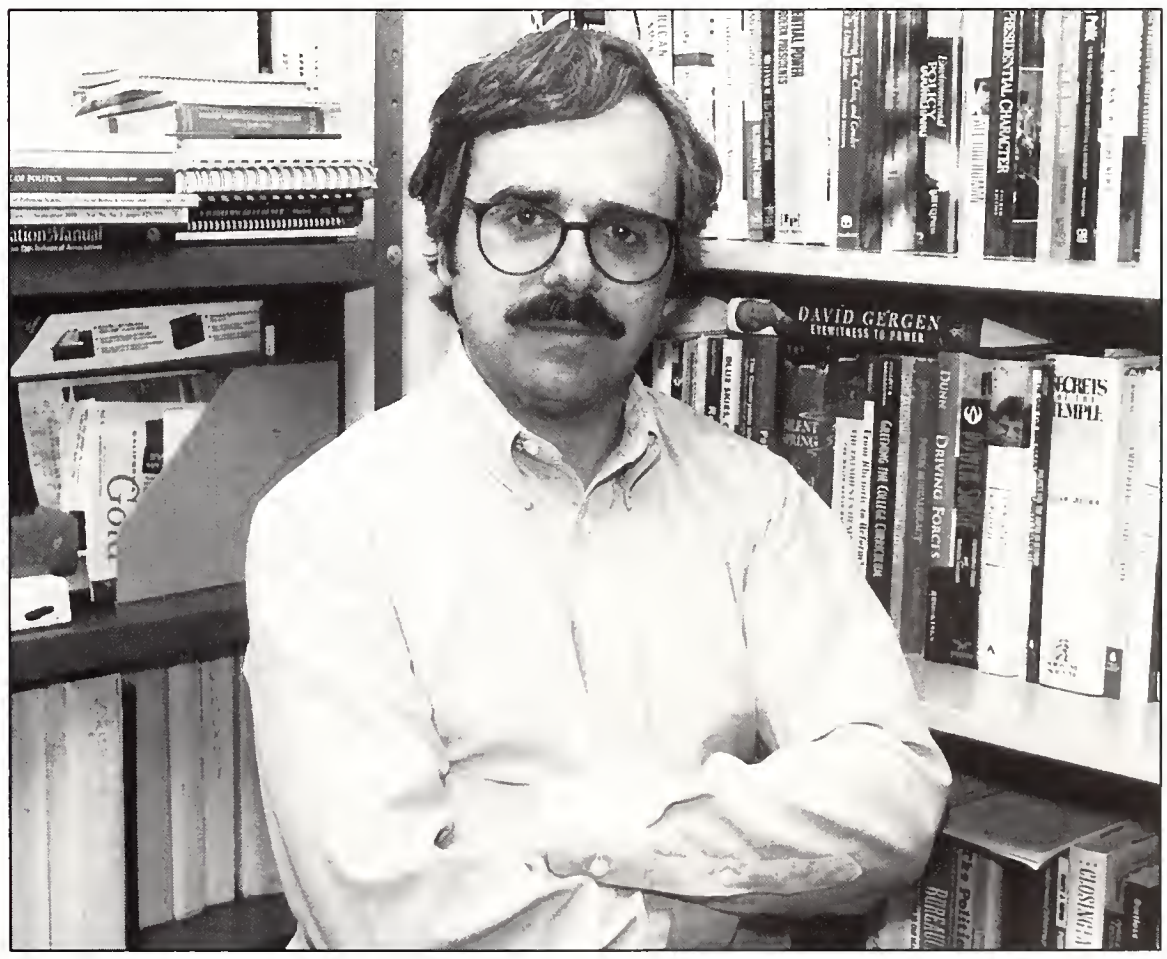
MWC's show choir performs in concert every year.

November

Encore, the Mary Washington College Showchoir, presented its fall concert, "Puttin' on the Ritz"..."Visions 2000," an annual diversity open house for prospective students of color and their families, was held...The Asian Student Association hosted Asian Cultural Week, dedicated to promoting the appreciation and understanding of Asia though cultural, educational and social activities...James P. Lucier, senior fellow of the James Monroe Memorial Foundation, delivered the 13th Annual James Monroe Lecture, titled "The Diplomacy of James Monroe"... The Department of Political Science presented "Presidential Campaign 2000: An Electoral Forum." Topics and speakers at the forum included: "The Presidential Race: Implications for the Supreme Court," by Lewis P. Fickett, distinguished professor emeritus of political science; "The Fight for the Presidency," by Victor Fingerhut, associate professor of political science; "The Elections in Virginia," by Stephen Farnsworth, assistant professor of political science; and "The Congressional Elections," by Michele Swers, assistant professor of political science...The economic plans of George W. Bush and Al Gore in their race for the White House was the topic of "Economic Outlook 2000: The Presidential Campaigns and Their Economic Goals"...The Mary Washington College Department of Theatre and Dance continued its 2000-2001 season with "Cabaret," by Joe Masteroff, with music by John Kander and lyrics by Fred Ebb. Based on *The Berlin Stories*, a novel by Christopher Isherwood, "Cabaret" is a musical depicting the world of 1930's Berlin, from its tawdry and carefree nightlife to the ascending Nazi dictatorship...The internationally acclaimed Shenandoah Shakespeare Express performed three shows at MWC for Shakespeare Weekend 2000. The weekend included performances of "Richard II," "Much Ado About Nothing," and "Dr. Faustus"...The Hachidori Piano Trio performed in the Pollard Hall Recital Hall...A Native American powwow sponsored by the Multicultural Student Affairs Office was held in Ball Circle... James Ukrop, chairman of Ukrop's Super Markets Inc., came to MWC as Executive-in-Residence. Article will appear in summer issue of *MWC Today*.

December

Harmonica player Zygmunt Zgraja joined the Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra in the 24th annual "Pops" concert. Zgraja, a visiting artist from Poland, specializes in the performance of the classical literature for orchestra, featuring his specialty, the harmonica. He uses harmonicas of various sizes as needed for different work or part of a work...Susan T. Stevens, associate professor of classics at Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, and director of the excavations at Bir Ftouha in Carthage, Tunisia, lectured on "Bir Ftouha: Excavating an Early Christian Basilica in Tunisia."



Stephen J. Farnsworth

Reaching New Heights!

BY DONNA HARTER RAAB

You won't find spiral-topped skyscrapers or mile-high monuments at Mary Washington College. Scattered around the red brick and white columns of the Jeffersonian-style buildings, you will, however, find high hopes, high aspirations and high expectations. This applies to all areas of academics, student life and even fund raising.

In fact, the Annual Fund totals have been reaching some pretty impressive heights lately. Last year's *Arrington II Challenge* resulted in an unprecedented total of more than $1 million in unrestricted gifts. These funds enable Mary Washington College to expand and enhance scholarships and educational programs in order to attain high levels of excellence — in both academic quality and student achievement. MWC alumni, parents, friends, faculty and staff are striving to *Reach New Heights* this year with a goal of $1.1 million for unrestricted giving.

Parents Council Co-Chair Douglas J. Bradford of Cincinnati, Ohio, says he is a firm believer in supporting the Annual Fund. "I believe higher education is critical to the continued advancement of our country, and I believe these institutions should be supported by those in a position to do so," says Doug. "I admit my support of Mary Washington College is a bit selfish. My son Chad is a computer science major at MWC and, as a parent, I want the College to prosper and move ahead. When my son graduates and is searching for a job, I want his degree to be recognized and respected. I look at my support of the Annual Fund and my help on the Parents Council as money and time well invested."

Pamela J. White '74, head of the Employment Law Group at Ober, Kaler, Grimes & Shriver in Baltimore, Md., made a significant pledge to this year's Annual Fund as well as to the next two. "Over the past years, I have grown increasingly grateful for the quality of my own experience at Mary Washington College, and the preparation I received for law school at Washington and Lee," says Pam. "I love being a lawyer, and I'm proud that my professional credentials include my degree from Mary Washington College. Now, I feel great about being able to make a financial contribution to support the Annual Fund."

Although her major in speech pathology required a fourth-year transfer to the University of Virginia, Mary Anne Kennedy Kane '79 gives to the Annual Fund because she says her experiences at Mary Washington College shaped her early life. "I became self-reliant, learned time management, formed lasting friendships with schoolmates and instructors, and refined my thinking and writing skills. I essentially grew up in the comfort of an environment that fit me and supported me," Mary Anne says from her home in California. "I began donating a regular amount to the MWC Annual Fund through the Phonathon several years ago. This year I had an unexpected sum of money come my way, so when the Phonathon volunteer called, I decided to increase my level of support. I don't know what next year will bring, but I will continue to support the College financially in whatever way I can."

If you would like to help MWC *Reach New Heights*, contact Dorothy Ogburn Wood '92, director of annual giving, in the Office of Annual Giving at 1-888-MWC-0004 or mwcgift@mwc.edu.

Donna Harter Raab is publications coordinator in the Office of College Advancement.

Alumni Board

Members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors gathered at Trench Hill in September. Left to right, bottom row: Cynthia L. Snyder '75, director of alumni relations; Monecia Helton Naggs '81; Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36; Maureen Murphy McCart '68; Patricia Branstetter Revere '63, president; Kathleen Shepherd Mehfoud '70, president-elect. Row 2: Ronald E. Singleton, senior vice president for advancement and college relations; Cedric B. Rucker '81; Jane L. Hope '95; Lynda Richardson '81; Cherry Sariff Everett '61; Judith Henley Beck '68. Row 3: Regina Kim '01; Myra Simpson '97; Joseph W. Nicholas, faculty representative; Kim Mycko '01; Rita Morgan Stone '52; Deborah Jardin, assistant director of alumni relations; Lois Saunier Hornsby '48. (Not pictured: C. Scott Allen '95, Jean Polk Hanky '69, Timothy F. Landis '93, Patricia Goodall Strawderman '74.)

Message from the President of the Alumni Association

Happy 2001! We're officially into a new millennium, and Mary Washington College has much to celebrate and anticipate.

Shortly after you read this, the College will select its second Washington Scholar from among the top applicants for the Class of 2005. The Alumni Association established this full-ride merit scholarship program just three years ago. Now we have three fully funded scholarships and are close to completing a fourth. The program owes its success to contributions from the Alumni Association, from individual donors, and from each year's 25th reunion class. The Admissions Office's "Showcase" program brings several hundred honors applicants to campus in mid-March for a special look at Mary Washington College. The very top students from this group are invited to apply for the Washington Scholarship and to be interviewed by the scholarship selection committee during the "Showcase" weekend. Watch for information on the next Washington Scholar in an upcoming issue of *MWC Today*.

Elsewhere in this issue you'll see photos from another successful Homecoming celebration. More than 100 alumni and guests of the Class of 1995 gathered under a tent at Trench Hill for a picnic to celebrate their fifth reunion. They then joined more than 600 other recent grads at the Battleground to continue Homecoming festivities and enjoy a full array of athletic events. With the addition of Spirit Week and an outstanding fireworks display sponsored by the Student Government Association, Homecoming has become a much-anticipated fall highlight for the entire MWC community. Regardless of your class year, mark your calendar for October 6, 2001, and come see it for yourself!

You'll also read in this issue about the self-study that is underway. Each 10 years, the College is required by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to reaffirm its accreditation. Beginning this academic year, by resolution of the Board of Visitors, the College will undertake a strategic self-study that will address a transition to university status. The extremely successful opening of our second campus, the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, makes it possible for us to assess the opportunities associated with such a move. This effort will continue through spring 2003 and will involve all constituencies of the College community: students, faculty, staff, and alumni, as well as representatives of the regional community. This is an exciting time in the history and development of MWC, and I encourage you to remain abreast of ongoing efforts and progress.

I hope one of your resolutions for this year is to reacquaint yourself with your alma mater. Attend an alumni event in your area, send news to your class agent, or nominate a classmate for an award. Why not plan to join in the fun during Reunion Weekend, June 1-3? You won't want to miss any of it, from the 65th reunion of the Class of 1936 through the 10th reunion of the Class of 1991. And you'll never regret the decision to return to our beautiful campus and get to know it all over again. I hope to see you soon.

Patricia Branstetter Revere '63

Estate Planning Doesn't Have To Be Taxing

BY DONNA HARTER RAAB

"Why pay estate tax?" asks Chris Hallberg of Hallberg Financial Group. "If you have a taxable estate worth $3 million, do you know that as much as $1.07 million can be taken for estate tax? With sound financial planning, there's absolutely no reason to pay it."

Hallberg, a financial planner in Fredericksburg, spoke at the fall lunch meeting of the Mary Washington College Estate Planning Council. The EPC includes area attorneys, accountants, financial planners and trust officers who help clients manage their financial, estate and tax matters.

After lunch in the Red Room at Woodard Campus Center, Hallberg described various methods of "Zeroing out the Estate Tax." He told EPC members that, regardless of the size of their estates, most clients can select two of a possible three destinations for their estate assets. "They can leave their property and holdings to their family and the government, or to family and charity. Which do you think most people prefer?"

As an example, Hallberg described an estate-planning method in which a donor can designate assets to Mary Washington College for a certain number of years, and then have the assets returned to specified family members. "One way is to set up a Testamentary Lead Trust for 20 years. MWC could benefit from the income of the trust, your immediate heirs would not have to pay estate tax on this money, and you could then pass it on to your grandchildren 20 years from now."

Ronald E. Singleton, senior vice president for advancement and college relations at MWC, told EPC members that the College can accept and administer various forms of trusts, gift annuities and real estate gifts, as well as bequests. Some gift arrangements provide an income to the donor for his or her life. "Every situation is different," said Dr. Singleton. "But if your clients want to reduce estate taxes, and are interested in supporting the College, I'm sure we can come up with a plan that is beneficial to all parties."

Chris Hallberg of Hallberg Financial Group

If you or someone you know would like specific information regarding a planned gift to MWC, please contact Valerie Schultheiss Kuramoto, assistant vice president for development, at vkuramot@mwc.edu, or call toll-free 1-888-692-0004.

ELOISE E. CLARK '51
PHI BETA KAPPA

At the Phi Beta Kappa Society's 39th Triennial Council held in Philadelphia in October 2000, Eloise E. Clark '51 was re-elected to serve a six-year term as one of the society's 24 senators. The Senate forms the governing body of the Society, and through its work on various comittees, manages the selection of new Phi Beta Kappa chapters at universities and oversees the Visiting Scholar Program, among many other responsibilities.

Dr. Clark is a professor of biological sciences at Bowling Green State University and interim chair of her department.

MARGARET W. COWAN '89
Awarded Fulbright Scholarship

Imagine the slow disintegration of works by such artists as Rembrandt and van Gogh, and the gradual crumbling of musical scores penned by Bach.

Because pieces by these and other artistic, musical and literary greats were created on paper, using a corrosive substance called "iron gall ink," the world risks their loss, as metals and acids in the ink eat away at the paper.

This according to Margaret Winn "Wendy" Cowan '89, who was recently awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to research the topic in the Netherlands.

"Iron gall ink was the first indelible ink, so many important documents are written with it," said Ms. Cowan, who added that the ink has been used from "antiquity to the mid-1900s," which puts many cultural collections in danger.

Ms. Cowan is working on a research project at the Netherlands Institute of Cultural Heritage in Amsterdam, where for the past five years, researchers have been developing ways to lessen the impact of the corrosion. She is trying to determine if light is responsible for the color changes that appear in most of these inks, as opposed to another cause, such as temperature or humidity. She is also investigating how light instigates the corrosive and degradation processes.

"Hopefully my results will provide a guideline for museums or collectors when displaying their art objects or documents with iron gall ink," she said. "For example, a curator could look at the results and reason that a drawing can be displayed in a certain light level for a certain number of hours before color change or degradation is likely to occur."

Margaret Winn Cowan '89

While in the Netherlands, Ms. Cowan is also doing art conservation at the Teylers Museum in Haarlem.

In 1989, Wendy graduated cum laude from MWC, with bachelor's degrees in art history and fine arts. She received a master of art with distinction in the conservation of fine art from the University of Northumbria, New Castle upon Tyne, England. She serves as assistant curator for Conservation of Art on Paper Inc. in Alexandria, Va.

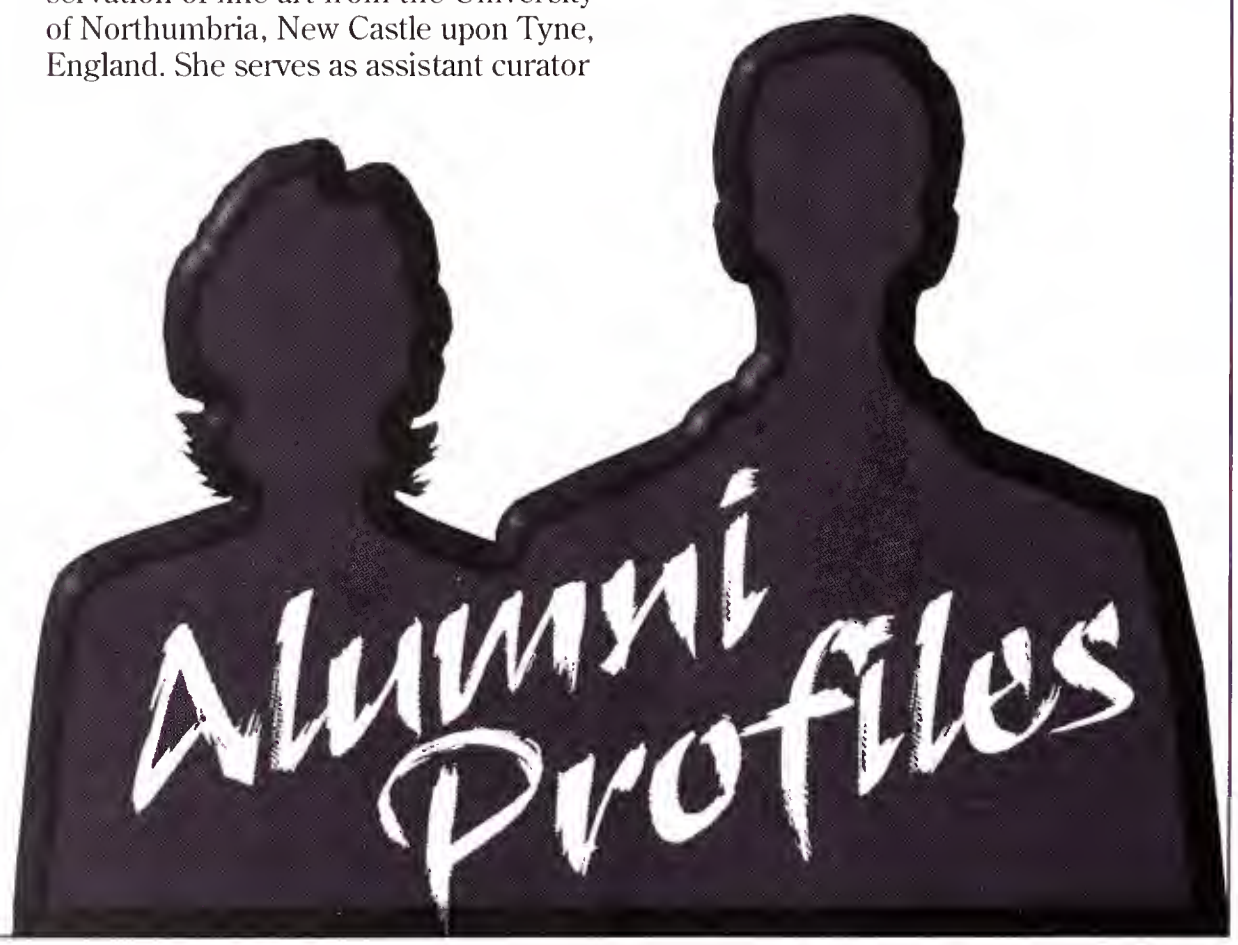
PAMELA J. WHITE '74
Receives Md. Bar Association's Highest Honor

Pamela J. White '74, principal at the Baltimore-Washington law firm Ober/Kaler, has been named the recipient of the 2000 Rita C. Davidson Award. The award is the highest honor bestowed by the Women's Bar Association of Maryland. It is presented each year to recognize those persons who have contributed to the honor and integrity of the legal profession, advanced the interest of women engaged in the practice of law, promoted legal education, aided in the administration of justice, and advance the status of women in our society.

The award is named for the late Honorable Rita C. Davidson, a long-time Women's Bar Association member. Chief Judge Robert Murphy and Maryland Governor Parris Glendening are among past award recipients.

Recently, Ms. White was unanimously voted president-elect of the Maryland State Bar Association. Her term as president will run from 2001-2002.

Ms. White is chair of Ober/Kaler's employment group. She is nationally recognized by her peers as a leader in legal ethics and professionalism. Dedicated to public service and the legal profession, Ms. White is active in the American,



Pamela J. White '74

Maryland State, Baltimore City and Women's Bar Associations. She is a former chair of the MSBA's Select Committee on Gender Equality and past president of the Women's Bar Association. Ms. White serves on numerous professional and community committees and associations.

Ms. White is a graduate of Washington & Lee University School of Law and Mary Washington College. She resides in South Baltimore.

Going Back To The Eastern Shore

Tales of huckleberrying and hurricanes, home-made biscuits, and a historic house in *Going Back to the Eastern Shore, Memories of the 1920s and 1930s* (Accahamack Press) depict the times when farm families had no electricity, and the telephone and radio were just coming into use. Then came the Great Depression. In these stories, character sketches and poems with many photographs and illustrations, very personal childhood and adolescent experiences show what it was like to grow up in an isolated area of farming communities and small towns in Accomack County, Va., in that era.

The author, Anne Mason Gall '43, was born at Bloxom on a farm owned by four generations of the Major Mason family. A graduate of Accomack High School and Mary Washington College, with a master's degree from Azusa Pacific University, she has been a teacher and reading specialist in public and private schools in the states of Virginia, Hawaii and California.

Going Back to the Eastern Shore, with many of the author's photographs and drawings, plus illustrations by Dolores Tyler, art director of the *Eastern Shore News*, invites the reader back to a unique time and place — from 1921 to 1939 on the Eastern Shore. Some genealogical information regarding the Major Mason and the George Thomas Ewell families is also included.

Nora Miller Turman, Virginia historian, said, "I feel that this book is a valuable contribution to the Eastern Shore record. The volume ... makes enjoyable and informative reading." Poet/professor Garrett Hongo states, "There's a physical presence to these words, the power of describing a lost world perhaps more vital than this one."

Alumna Co-authors PCOS Book

Ten million women may suffer from a hormonal disorder ... only a fraction are being diagnosed and treated.

As many as 10 million American women may suffer from the endocrine disorder polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS). But health experts estimate that only about 10 percent of these women have been diagnosed. Although they may lack a medical diagnosis, many women are painfully aware of the symptoms: weight gain, excess facial and body hair, adult acne, and irregular menstrual cycles. PCOS is also a leading cause of infertility.

Why is this syndrome so under-diagnosed? "Many women are too embarrassed to mention the cosmetic symptoms to their physicians, and many health care professionals do not understand PCOS well enough to make a diagnosis," said Angela Boss, co-author of *Living with PCOS* (Addicus Books).

Ms. Boss and her co-author, Evelina Weidman Sterling '92, both have PCOS; they hope to help women become aware of the syndrome. "A huge void exists when it comes to information about PCOS. I recall the relief I felt when I finally could put a name on my condition," said Ms. Boss. "At least then I knew what I was dealing with."

The author's medical editor, Richard S. Legro, M.D., is a nationally recognized authority on PCOS.

Ms. Weidman Sterling is a certified health-education specialist and consultant to nonprofit and government agencies. She previously worked for the American Association for Health Education, Health Resources and Services Administration, Gallaudet University, and the American Heart Association. She holds a bachelor of science degree in biology from MWC and a master's degree in health sciences from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health. She lives in Atlanta, Ga., with her husband and children.

Nina G. Bushnell

Send Us Your Stories

Do you have a favorite rememberance of the legendary Dean Nina G. Bushnell? If so, we invite you to send it to Editor, *MWC Today*, Office of Publications, Lee Hall 302, 1301 College Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401-5358, or e-mail pwatson@mwc.edu. We are gathering information for a possible future story.

Homecoming

The Class of 1995 gathered at Trench Hill Oct. 21 — a beautifully warm Saturday in autumn — for its fifth reunion. Amid laughter and exclamations of "I can't believe it's been five years!" classmates showed off spouses, kids and pictures while enjoying a varied picnic buffet.

Afterwards they trooped — 100 strong — across Hanover Street to the huge alumni tent to join more than 600 other grads for barbeque and socializing.

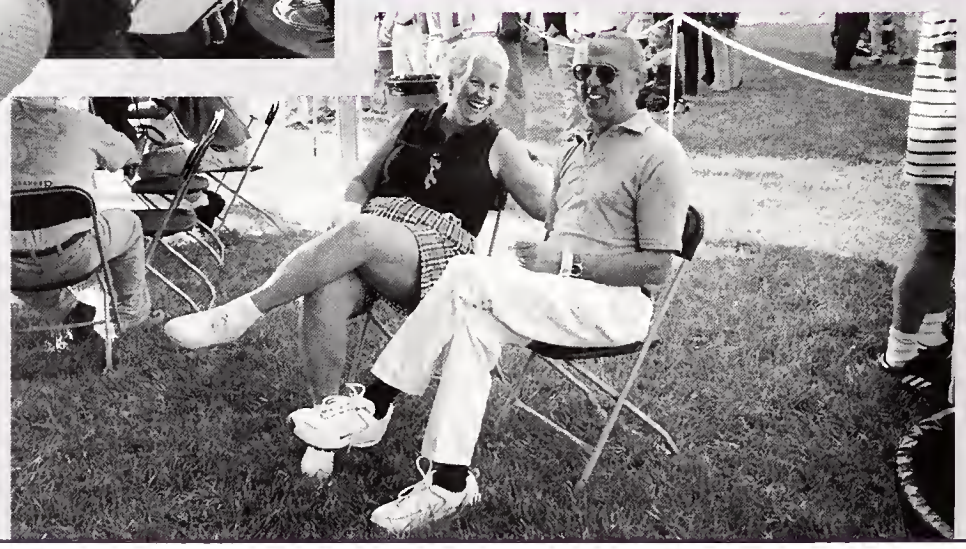
From one end of the Battleground Complex to the other, alumni, students and townspeople cheered on men's and women's soccer, baseball, tennis, field hockey, and men's and women's rugby.

As darkness fell, the finale to Student Spirit Week — fireworks — lit up the sky over the rugby field.

Thanks to the efforts of senior Ashley Groesbeck, executive coordinator of the Student Government Association, SGA President Kelly Turcic, and other students, the pre-Homecoming Spirit Week was a huge success as well as a "first." Among the spirited events were a lip-sync contest, a bonfire, and a Mr. MWC competition.

"I think that the SGA has set a higher standard for years to come," said Ashley. "The key moment for me came during the fireworks when I saw that they had united students, alumni and the community. I can't wait to see a bigger and better fireworks show at my five-year reunion."

"This year's spirit week was a tremendous success," said Kelly. "All the student organizations pulled together to make it a memorable week. The success was apparent at the Battleground Saturday night. There were over a thousand students and community members there to celebrate Homecoming."



MWC Computer Science Program Comes of Age

BY MARSHA F. ZAIDMAN

During Homecoming on October 21, 2000, the Computer Science Department sponsored an alumni brunch in honor of its 21st anniversary. The department has grown from a single faculty person in 1979 to six full-time faculty and another six adjunct faculty. Course offerings burgeoned as well. Joining current faculty in Seacobeck were 70 alumni — who spanned our 21-year history — Niemann, Edwards, and SWIFT scholarship donors; and the current scholarship recipients.

We enjoyed catching up on family and employment information, and were heartened by the warm response of our alumni and pleased with how well they are doing professionally. Three alumni, Joe Grzeika '83, Robin Carrier '89 and Peter Hua '98 addressed the gathering. All the presenters spoke about the excellent preparation they received while students at MWC and how pleased they were by the continued growth of the computer science program.

One highlight of the event was the announcement of the proposed Computer Science Alumni Scholarship. Once endowed, this scholarship will be awarded to a rising junior whose major is computer science and who has demonstrated excellent achievement. We are pleased that a number of attendees made initial donations that totaled close to $2,000. The department will be working closely with the MWC Foundation to solicit sufficient donations to endow this scholarship at the $10,000 level, which is the minimum required for a scholarship to be named and fully endowed.

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Getting to Re-Know
Mary Washington College

2000

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Many Things May Have Changed Since You Graduated From MWC. Here's A Brief Guide To The College As It Is Today.

Who Are We?

Founded in 1908, MWC is a state-supported, coeducational, primarily residential four-year college located in historic Fredericksburg — midway between the state capital, Richmond, Va., and the nation's capital, Washington, D.C.

But there's a surprise!

What's The Surprise?

Mary Washington College is one of the nation's top undergraduate colleges, with distinctive academic programs, a breathtakingly beautiful campus, and a sharp and diverse student body.

And the College has an exciting new component: The James Monroe Center at our Stafford campus offers graduate and undergraduate programs to serve the local population and the business community.

Mary Washington was the mother of George Washington, who was raised right here in Fredericksburg. Mary Washington College is entirely coed, and is a great place for both men and women to go to college.

What Are Our Majors And Programs?

On the Fredericksburg campus, the College offers more than 30 undergraduate majors and programs in the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Liberal Studies, as well as a Master of Liberal Studies and a Master of Science in Elementary Education.

Special features on the Fredericksburg campus include a wide selection of courses, independent study options, extensive internship opportunities, exciting study abroad possibilities, and support for undergraduate research.

The James Monroe Center offers a Bachelor of Professional Studies degree, with concentrations in leadership and management, and computer technology, and Post-Baccalaureate Initial Teacher Licensure with a Master of Education degree option, as well as a Master of Education for licensed teachers and a Master of Business Administration.

The James Monroe Center also offers certificate programs in:

- Information Security
- Organizational Leadership
- Computer Technology for Educators
- Strategic Human Resource Management
- Teaching English as a Second Language
- Society for Human Resource Management
- Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer

How Many Students Are There?

4,287 is the total for both campuses
3,480 are on the Fredericksburg campus.

- 52% live in residence halls
- 69% female, 31% male
- 11% minorities
- 74% Virginians
- 65% receive financial aid
- Students come from 43 states and 33 foreign countries.

How About The Faculty?

At the heart of the pursuit of academic excellence is the dynamic Mary Washington College faculty.

One of the qualities students rate most highly at MWC is their close interaction with the faculty.

The most important function of the College is to provide instruction of the highest quality, enabling students to develop the skills and abilities necessary for life-long learning and useful, creative lives.

On the Fredericksburg campus:
Full-time Faculty: 209
Student-to-Faculty Ratio: 18 to 1
89% have earned doctorates or other terminal degrees.

What's The Freshman Class Like?

Freshman Class 2000:
4,383 applied for admission for 884 seats in the freshman class.

SAT-I Scores: Middle 50% range
V: 570-660
M: 550-630
Total: 1120-1290

Rank in Class:
49% ranked in top 10% of high-school class
76% ranked in top 20% of high-school class
High-School GPA: 3.64 average

How About Athletics?

The broad range of co-curricular student activities is complemented by

Mary Washington College's 23-sport contingent, long known as one of the top NCAA Division III programs in the nation.

There are 11 men's and 12 women's varsity sports and numerous club and intramural sports.

Varsity athletes have enjoyed great success — engendering pride and garnering national attention for 10 of the Eagle teams. In 1999-2000:

- ★ The women's swimming and lacrosse teams and the men's tennis team placed among the top 16 in the nation.
- ★ The women's soccer team advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the third straight year.
- ★ Track and field sent seven participants to the outdoor championships.
- ★ Women's tennis advanced to the national tournament for the 14th time in 18 years.
- ★ Mary Washington College athletes are also renowned as top scholars, with 46% earning GPAs of 3.00 or higher.

WHAT'S THE COST?

In-state Virginia resident living on campus

Tuition & Fees	$ 3,246
Room & Board	$ 5,448
Total	$ 8,694

Out-of-state non-Virginia resident living on campus

Tuition & Fees	$ 9,676
Room & Board	$ 5,448
Total	$15,124

In-state Virginia resident living off campus

Tuition & Fees	$ 3,146
Room & Board	0
Total	$ 3,146

Costs shown are for the 2000-2001 academic year (two semesters) at the Fredericksburg campus.

ARE THERE A LOT OF RULES?

At MWC, honor is a way of life.

The entire campus operates under our Statement of Community Values, in which we dedicate ourselves to the highest standards of scholarship, personal integrity, responsible conduct, and respect for the individual.

We hold among our foremost common values:

- ★ The importance of personal integrity as reflected in adherence to the Honor Code;
- ★ The right of every individual to be treated with dignity and respect at all times;
- ★ The acceptance of and respect for diversity in our community and adherence to the College's Statement of Non-Discrimination;
- ★ The freedom of intellectual inquiry in the pursuit of truth.

DO WE HAVE THE LATEST COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY?

Yes! The use of technology plays an increasingly important role.

There is a wealth of technology available to faculty, staff and students.

The faculty is continually developing innovative ways to incorporate the use of technology into their classrooms.

All classrooms and residence halls are networked with voice, data and cable technology.

All students will have an information and technology proficiency requirement beginning in fall 2001.

Creative use of technology is a part of every program at the James Monroe Center, in which classrooms are equipped with state-of-the-art instructional technology.

WHAT DOES MWC DO FOR THE FREDERICKSBURG COMMUNITY?

MWC brings many internationally known speakers/performers to campus, and hosts their lectures/performances, which are open to the public. Numerous concerts and other events, often free of charge, are also held at the College.

There is significant outreach to the MWC community by the students themselves.

The student-run program, COAR, proudly reported a total of 19,715 hours of community service in 1999-2000.

Local agencies are enthusiastic about the quality of Mary Washington student volunteers, who become some of the College's finest emissaries. They maintain and strengthen vital connections to community organizations, displaying their initiative, responsibility and dedication while volunteering.

As one example, students volunteered their time at the Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault, completing rigorous training, serving as crisis-hotline operators, and acting as legal advocates.

The Cultural Awareness Series, coordinated by the James Farmer Multicultural Center, presents a rich array of cultural programs in the visual, literary

and performing arts to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, Black History Month, Women's History Month, and Asian Cultural Week.

The Annual Multicultural Fair features ethnic food and craft vendors and a variety of international entertainment to celebrate and raise consciousness about the uniqueness of all people.

MWC's Internship Program has been embraced by countless businesses/organizations from Richmond to Washington, D.C. In 1999-2000 there were 268 MWC interns at work in the area.

Designed specifically to serve regional businesses and working adults, the James Monroe Center opened in Stafford County in fall 1999.

How About More Information On JMC?

When the first building of the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies officially opened its doors to students for classes in fall 1999, an exciting new array of program options became available for residents of the greater Fredericksburg community who wish to advance their careers.

Located on 48 acres just off Route 17 North in nearby Stafford County, only minutes from Interstate 95, the Center's first building can accommodate over 800 students, and includes high-tech classrooms, teleconferencing rooms, computer labs, a virtual library, student store, and faculty and administrative offices.

The Master of Business Administration degree program at the James Monroe Center includes heavy involvement of information technology and concentrations available in general management, training in human resource development, management technology and information security.

The Master of Education degree at the Center is offered to persons who already possess baccalaureate degrees in appropriate arts and sciences disciplines and who now seek to enter the work force as teachers.

The Bachelor of Professional Studies is a degree completion program blending theory with state-of-the-art practice, emphasizing skills applicable to the job world.

Capacity is quickly being reached at the James Monroe Center, and the need to construct the second academic building on the new campus in Stafford has become a reality.

What's Next?

MWC is currently undergoing a Self-Study for SACS (the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) re-accreditation. Focus of the study is *Moving to University Status: Assessing the Opportunities and Demands, Ordering Priorities, and Safeguarding Existing Strengths.*

What Else Should We Know?

Individual and departmental research is also encouraged by the College to support teaching processes and academic programs.

The College's endowment has grown from approximately $1 million in 1983 to more than $26 million in the year 2000.

More than 35% of MWC's alumni contribute to the College's Annual Fund each year. This is one of the highest participation rates in the nation among public colleges and universities.

What Do College/ University Guidebooks Say About Us?

MWC is #6 in best regional schools in the South and #2 in the top public regional schools — universities — in the South.

America's Best Colleges by U.S. News & World Report, 2001

Listed as one of nine colleges/universities that are "hidden treasures."

Kaplan/Newsweek College Catalog, 2001 edition

"Upon entering, freshmen sign an honor pledge. ... The result is a deep sense of trust and openness on campus. ..."

Barron's Best Buys in College Education, Fifth Edition

"Mary Washington College provides many of the amenities of the private schools — small classes, caring and eager professors — at a very affordable price."

Time/The Princeton Review: The Best College For You, 2001 edition

"'The quality of teaching I have received has been phenomenal,' says one historic preservation major. 'I am constantly amazed by the backgrounds and expertise of my professors and have really benefited from it.'"

The Fiske Guide to Colleges 2001

As one of "the nation's leading colleges," MWC's "challenging opportunities include advanced placement, accelerated degree program, student-designed majors. ..."

Peterson's Competitive Colleges 2000-2001

Are We On The Web?

Sure — check us out at: http://www.mwc.edu

Web sites are important sources of information for students shopping for a college. Nearly 40 percent of some 400 college-bound students recently polled by a Baltimore consulting firm said one of their first steps in choosing a school was visiting an institution's Web site. That's how one high-school senior in New Jersey found our renowned Historic Preservation Department, according to a recent article in *The Wall Street Journal* (11/27/00). The newly redesigned Mary Washington College Web site is user-friendly and easy to navigate.

Class Notes

Goat Notes

1931

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1932

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1933

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1934

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1935

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1936

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We extend our sympathy to the families of **Edna Daniel Sheaks** and **Audrey Rose Burton**. Edna died in August 2000. Edna received her master's degree in choral music from Columbia U. After retiring from teaching, she became active in the Newport News Woman's Club and served as the director of the chorus. Her husband, Barclay Sheaks, is a renowned painter. He presented a painting to the College at one of our reunions. Audrey's son wrote of her passing in June 2000 after a long battle with cancer. Audrey appreciated the cards and letters sent to her by her classmates during her illness. She attended many reunions and faithfully sent Christmas cards with news from members of our class. Edna and Audrey will be dearly missed.

We also extend our sympathy to **Preston Brown Twigg** and **Dorothy Teese Lambiotte**. Preston's husband died in August. He was president and chairman of Twigg Motor Co. in Mathews, Va. David Lambiotte, Dorothy's son, died in October 1999 after battling lymphoma for over 20 years.

Ruby Lee Norris concluded a four-year term on the Board of Visitors in August, during which time she established a scholarship for deserving English or French students. In March 2000 she became engaged to George Wakefield, who recently moved to Virginia from the shores of Lake Erie in Ohio. He is an historian, columnist and electrical engineer. His daughter, a writer-friend of Ruby Lee's, introduced them, so they have their families' blessings. Ruby Lee and George, you have our best wishes!

Mary Frances Rowe Varner did lots of traveling in August. First she went to Wales for a week on a Sweet Briar trip. This is her third trip with that group, which accepts an MWC graduate! The trip to northern Wales was great; they stayed in one town and went sightseeing by bus with a guide — a most satisfactory arrangement. They saw castles built for Edward I, had dinner in a stately house and saw beautiful scenery. Shortly thereafter Mary Frances visited her daughter Susan and her family in North Carolina. Her grandson is 15 and recently returned from music camp. He is still taking viola lessons and now goes from Wilmington to Raleigh for lessons with the first violist of the North Carolina Symphony. Emory stays very busy. He is on the soccer team of Cape Fear Academy, his school, and plays in the Wilmington Symphony.

I recently heard from **Catherine "Cassie" Brown Simpson** and **Mary Alice Turman Carper**. Mary Alice's great-granddaughter, Sarah Geddie Allen, arrived last March.

Last June my four children and one son-in-law and I were in Concord, N.H., for the funeral of my husband's sister, Dorothea Goldthwaite. Over the past years we had many wonderful summer vacations in New Hampshire.

Frances Liebenow Armstrong is helping to coordinate our 65th reunion and will do whatever she can to make our reunion something to remember. Please start urging your classmates to be present June 1-3.

1937

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1938

Helen Pressley Voris
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1939

Nancy Herr Fallen
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1940

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1941

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1942

Gwendolyn Miller Reams
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Pinewall By-The-Bay
Norfolk, VA 23503-1767

A. Isabel Gordon Swift
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1943

Hilda Holloway Law
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Frances Wills Stevens
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1944

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Greetings, Class of '44! I have been hearing about your many experiences. So, make yourselves comfortable and ready to share these activities.

Carolyn Watts Quigley and husband Quig went to Alexandria, Va., for a refresher course at the Virginia Theological Seminary. One of their speakers was a professor at Mary Washington. Carolyn had another connection to MWC this summer. Her next-door neighbor has a daughter who is married to a Pete Tribble who, they discovered, is a nephew of our Miss Tribble from the infirmary. Remember her? A small world!

Josephine Potts Coleman writes that she had a nice visit from her freshman roommate, **Lois Coulbourne O'Bier**. Lois, husband Jessie and their daughter and grandsons came from North Carolina.

Edith Mays Thomas and her husband recently moved into a condo. She said it isn't easy moving from a split-level house to a two-bedroom condo, but she loves the part where there is no grass to mow and no steps to climb. **Jean Adie Mogavero** had her grandson with her last summer. She also took a trip to Freeport, Long Island, on a gambling boat.

Virginia "Ginny" Armstrong Longerbeam and her husband, Gene, recently celebrated their golden anniversary. They renewed their vows and were pleased that four members of the original bridal party were in attendance. They were expecting a first great-grandchild in September. Ginny reminded me of the good old days in the dining hall at MWC.

Frances Farrell Fletcher, Carolyn Watts Quigley and husband Quig, and **Mary Griffen Underwood** had dinner and enjoyed exchanging news and renewing old memories. In June friends joined Frances to watch the parade of tall ships from her 12th floor apartment window overlooking the Elizabeth River. What a sight!

Jayne Anderson Bell keeps up with **Kathleen Goffigon Huston** and **Elizabeth Cumby Murray**, who are doing well. Jayne and housemate Kae will be moving soon to a Christian re-

tirement center in Rockhill, S.C. They will be near Jayne's daughter and family consisting of "five Scottish-American children and one Scottish husband."

Ruth McDaniel Potts lost her husband nine years ago but is grateful for her health and her three fine children. She spent a week in Canada touring the province of Quebec. She belongs to a hiking group and enjoys the many wildflowers and the wildlife they see.

Jane Trevvett Winston Ford keeps in contact with **Mary Reams Turner Maynard** and **Dorothy Woodson Baber**. Jane had an interesting story about her and her husband's adopted son, David. They adopted him as a newborn, and when he was 40 years old he was found and was united with three sisters, who had also been adopted. The four of them were then found by two siblings raised by the birth parents. Jane and her husband have now adopted all of these siblings. They are the proud parents of six intelligent, successful and handsome children who call them Mom and Dad.

Jean Wade Otte was in Iowa for two weeks with her granddaughters while their parents went to Europe. When she came back, she attended her Clifton Forge High School reunion of all classes from 1928 to 1983. Five in her class of 1940 attended MWC together: Jean, Dorothy Woodson Baber, **Henrietta Hoylman Parsons**, **Betty Helvestine Schmidt** and **Mary Frances Kenny**. That must be a record of some kind!

Nancy Duval Andrews had a great family reunion at her place on the river. There were 70 people from ages 92 years to 6 months. As Nancy said, "Not bad for an only child!" Since then, she hasn't felt great, but then it was probably too much reunion! Nancy will be a great-grandmother in the spring.

Jane Brownley Thomas spent the summer at the beach. Their son and family came from Arizona for 10 days, so they got to see three of their grandchildren. Jane is looking forward to fall and the football and basketball games at the U. of Maryland. **Anne Benner Gee** visited her daughters in Denver last summer and was to visit relatives in Madison, Wis., in September.

Phyllis Quimby Anderson and her husband are very active in their local bands. They play at lawn parties and in parades and just about anywhere. They were planning to go to Houston, Texas, in October to attend her husband's reunion of the veterans of the battleship *USS New York*. Phyllis saw **Isabel Hildrup Klein** in Lumberton, N.C., in February. Phyllis was on her way to Georgia to attend her mother's funeral. Her mother lived to see her 99th birthday.

Nettie Evans Lawrey and her husband, Tom, had a delightful cruise to Alaska. The high point of the cruise was a side trip while docked at Skagway. "We went up in a helicopter and landed on a big glacier. We had been outfitted with special boots to keep us from slipping — thank goodness — and we managed to walk around quite well. Very pretty up there. On our way home we stopped in Vancouver, B.C., where we spent one day traveling to and from Victoria and the famous and beautiful Butchart Gardens. I have never seen anything to compare to the beauty of those acres of flowers which were displayed there."

I talked to **Alda Perfette** a few weeks ago. She told me she had been on many trips to Europe, Egypt, Russia and Argentina. The one that seemed the most interesting to me was when she was a passenger on a freighter. It was a 30-day trip on the Atlantic Ocean, and she was one of four passengers.

Jannie Ornstein Rood visited her sister, **Henriette Ornstein**, in the Netherlands. She said had she known about the weather she would have gone in the summer instead of April. She lives in Dallas, Texas, where there had been no rain for 60 days and the temperatures had been in the 100+ range. Phew!

Julia Watkins Ameen had a nice reunion with her family at Nags Head, N.C. — 18-20 of them in one beach house. She also visited grandchildren in Laurel, Md., and others from Manassas, Va., came to visit her in Hopewell, Va. **Elizabeth Cumby Murray** is involved with her garden club. Delegates from all over will be coming to Nantucket, Mass., for a big meeting next summer. Elizabeth and her daughter, Trish, had a delightful trip to Prague and Paris in June 2000. The highlight of Paris was the Eiffel Tower lighted each night for the millennium.

Rebecca Engleman Russell had a busy summer. She had a two-week European Highlights Tour, where she saw the "Passion Play" in Oberammergau, Germany, and also visited Rome, Paris and parts of Switzerland. When she got home, she took on the job of moving just down the hall to a smaller apartment. It sounds easy, but I am sure it was a major undertaking.

Marilynn Price Heady and Len were scheduled to go on a tour of Northern California in August 2000 if United Airlines was still flying. Around the middle of September they had planned to leave for Florida and were to stop in Tennessee to see **Mary Betty Huff**. Marilynn is hoping to go to Wales in 2001 and hopes to see her cousins there if all goes well.

Elaine Rolley Alley enjoyed a cruise on the Mississippi on the *American Queen* this past summer. She talked to **Sallie Jacob**, who was also a classmate in high school. Elaine has five teen-age grandchildren who live nearby, which suits her fine.

Christine Hall Herndon had four of her five children visiting at the same time last summer, and they had a tennis marathon. In fall 1999, on a trip to Peru and Ecuador, she contracted hepatitis A, which slowed her down. This year she is fine, so she and her husband visited Egypt and Israel with a group of friends.

Bertha "Mac" McPhail Johnson wrote that she and husband Jim went to Paris, took a boat trip through the wine country and had a great time. Later, they plan on a trip to South America for a couple of weeks. Occasionally, she hears from **Katherine "Doodie" Tompkins Branner** and **Martha Scott Rogers**. The last time they talked, it was very sad, as **Grace Ball Bridges** had just died. Grace was their suitemate our senior year. Doodie stays busy around their beautiful home near Richmond. Martha and her husband are looking forward to a trip to Europe very soon. Martha said that **Emelia-Louise Kilby** "makes me proud of all she does in support of the handicapped." Emelia said she is keeping her brain active. She wrote an article describing, in generalities, the residents where she lives. It has been published in the newsletter of the "Consumer Consortium on Assisted Living." For physical activities, she swims twice a month and has worked up to a half-mile using the breaststroke (only arms). Mondays through Fridays she leads the morning stretch for the exercise class. Mac travels far and wide. She recently went to Carmel, Calif., to visit her sister, Carolyn.

Elizabeth Phillips Roe says she and husband Bill are kicking up their heels while they can. They had a two-week tour of Europe, which took them through seven countries. The high point of this tour was the "Passion Play" in Oberammergau, Germany. She keeps in touch with **Anna Roberts Ware** whenever she is in Sudlersville, Md.

Marie Kennedy Robins has moved to a retirement resort called Bellemeade. She visited friends in England and toured the Gardens of Devon and Cornwall last spring. **Virginia Pumphrey Webb** enjoyed having her son visit her last summer. Instead of going to Myrtle Beach, which is quite close but awfully crowded in the summer, they spent a day at Huntington State Park. She and her sister are planning a trip to Eastern Europe — Warsaw, Prague, Budapest and Vienna in early fall 2000.

Jean Ford Bates and husband Paul and **Jean Krout Haberle** and husband Bill took their annual trip last June. They went to the Wayside Inn in Middletown, Va. They have a great time together.

Cena Carswell wrote that it is always a treat to look through *MWC Today*, and the first thing she looks for is Class of '44 news! She and her husband planned a trip to British Columbia and parts of Eastern Canada via train, ferry, and bus in September 2000. Sounds like fun! She says their family of five has grown to a family of 15 — they became great-grandparents in 1999.

Jean Brill Davis had a great visit with **Merle Updike Davis** in California. We now have an author in our class. Merle says, "Please prepare your bookstores and libraries for the arrival of my new book." It will be published in 2001 by Creative Arts, a small publisher in Berkeley, Calif. She has been working on it for five years "trying to get it to the public." Merle and her husband have a retreat in the mountains near San Francisco, where they can escape from the "rat race." Jean is already planning to come to our next reunion in 2004.

In September 2000, Nettie Evans Lawrey was honored on her 80th birthday with a celebration in New York City. Husband Tom, son Tom and daughter-in-law Wendy took her for a special dinner at Rockefeller Center Café on the day before, and on the big day they went to the award-winning musical "Kiss Me Kate." "I might be the oldest in our class but the rest of you are not far behind. Right?"

Christine Vassar Crute and husband attended their oldest grandson's high-school graduation in New Hampshire. He planned to attend Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va., this past fall. Two other grandsons stayed for a few days so the grandparents could show them the historical sites nearby. Christine lost her mother, who was 95 years old. She is very much missed.

Virginia Painter Perkins attended MWC for only one year and doesn't think anyone is still around who knew her. She went to work in a defense plant, and in 1945, when her to-be husband came back from China, she took her "Mrs." degree. Her husband taught in several different places, but they then settled down and built a home in Wytheville, Va. He has taught at the Wytheville Community College for 21 years.

Frances Smith Copeland worked 35 years as a teacher/librarian and retired in 1984. Her husband of 49 years died of a heart attack in June 2000. She says the adjustment is difficult. However, outstanding children, very special grandchildren and precious memories help a great deal.

Mary Ellen Gardiner Starkey loves reading about the Class of '44. Her husband, Jessie, passed away last June. He was the former superintendent of Charles County, Md., schools. It has been a great loss to her and her family of 19 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Frances Whitehurst Grenoble has never written to *MWC Today* before, so thank you, Fran, for writing. Two years ago she suffered a stroke. She has almost recovered except for her vision. She can no longer drive or read well. She wrote a three-page letter about her husband, four children and seven grandchildren. Fran and her husband are really into antiques. I wish all of you could read her letter, but space does not allow me to include all of it. However, if any of you knew Fran and would like me to send you a copy,

I'll be happy to do so. Fran hears from **Dorothy Woodson Baber**. Dot and her husband usually spend the winters with relatives in Arizona, where the climate is much better for Dot's health.

I received news from Claire Dickerson, the daughter of **Nancy Wright Candelori**, to inform me that her mother had passed away from cancer in December 1999. Claire said that her mother was a real trooper and maintained her independence almost to the end. She still drove her car most of the time and passed away at home with both daughters by her side. I also heard from one of **Joyce Davis Pillow**'s children, saying Joyce had a minor stroke last June and was in a rehabilitation facility. I talked to Joyce at the end of August, and she is home, using a walker. She will require additional surgery for a carotid artery, but because of her diabetes doctors are undecided when.

Phyllis Dunbar McIntyre said that the heat in Palm Desert, Calif., is so horrific (118 degrees one day) that she doesn't have much energy. She hoped to be able to get back to her volunteer work last fall. Her daughter, who has undergone surgery, is progressing slowly but keeps her spirits up and is pleased with each accomplishment.

Marjorie Cofer Skiles tells us that her children and grandchildren are the proudest part of her life. A lot of us would surely agree with her. She said she has lived in Florida longer than in her native Virginia and can now say "out and about" like a non-Virginian and "ant" instead of "aunt;" however, Virginia is where her heart is.

Elisabeth "Libby" Davis Ransom wrote that she is back in Richmond, Va., in a retirement home. She moved in April and then broke her ankle in May. Libby reminded me that it has been a long time since we "paddled hash in the dining hall." She had a nice visit with **Mildred Ryland Winston** at lunch in Culpeper one day last August.

Virginia Hawley Butler, my roommate, has been busy as usual. Her big event was the wedding of her grandson in South Carolina. Her sister, **Helen Hawley Turner**, husband and son visited Virginia to attend the Virginia Tech vs. Georgia Tech football game. And then the game was called off because of a thunder and lightning storm — the first time in Virginia Tech's history.

Virginia Morgan Kline said that going to her 60th high-school reunion in Lynchburg, Va., was a lot of fun. She continues to play tennis and attends the National Symphony concerts twice a month.

Elizabeth Helvestine Schmidt, retired for three years, loves retirement after 35 years of working. She had a nice visit with an older son in Duck, N.C., and also spent a wonderful weekend at a ski resort in Wintergreen, Va.

Thanks to all of you for your e-mails, telephone calls and letters. Without them I would hate this job. But, right now, I love it. God bless you!

1945

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1946

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The Class of '46 will celebrate their 55th this spring. We would love to see all those who attended the 50th back again, and others. Please start planning to attend.

A friend and I spent two weeks at one of our favorite getaways, Rio Caliente Spa near Guadalajara, Mexico. **Elaine Jouard Collins** sends "aloha" and greetings from Hawaii, where she and her husband, George, have resided for many years. With great sadness, she reported the death of her good and long-time friend from MWC, **Love Wohnus Sutphen**. Love was in Elaine's wedding and also attended her 50th anniversary celebration.

It's good to hear news of our classmates who are active in other events related to MWC. **Kate Parker Hughes** attended an alumni luncheon at Norfolk Azalea Garden, where 21 MWC graduates enjoyed the gardens while visiting and chatting. Kate also very proudly reported that her granddaughter, Stephanie Hughes, played at Carnegie Hall with the Portage Northern Symphonic Wind Ensemble. Stephanie plays the clarinet.

Carolyn Rohr Huebner wrote an informative letter about her recent experiences. She continues to substitute teach in Alexandria, Va., public schools. She also stays active in her community, as she is not a grandmother yet. She and husband John still find time to travel and recently returned from Paradise Island, Nassau. Remember our housemother in Williard, Lillie Turman? Carolyn keeps in touch with her. Lillie, 92, and her sister live in Wilmington, N.C. Her address is Lake Shore Common Hospital Plaza Apt. 210, Wilmington, N.C. 28401.

1947

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1948

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News is scarce, but of special interest is the marriage of **Edith Matzenger Balfe** to longtime friend, Bill Stellenwerf. Edith has been traveling a lot, including trips to the Orient, Hawaii and Scandinavia, with hopes for an Australian journey in 2001. She is active in Women of Rotary, Military Officers' Wives and community volunteering. She loves Texas, humidity and all!

Jean Quillen St. Martin is too busy even to turn on her computer. She shops, reads, writes, or hops in the car to head for Louisiana and Mississippi, Asheville and Gatlinburg. When she is at home she is involved in church work, Delta Kappa Gamma, Kingsport Symphony Association and the DAR.

Anne Padgett Sanderson has a busy life in Verona, Va. **Sarah Armstrong Worman** is settled in Charlottesville but is rarely there, it seems. She and Ho had a relaxing cruise on the Rhine in the spring, a gorgeous wedding for their youngest daughter in July, and cruised to Alaska in August. Recently they spent a weekend in Franklin, Va., visiting old friends Barham and **Martha Warriner Dodson**. Sarah wrote, "The Dodsons are so pleasant to be with as they are like newlyweds." Frequent trips to Dayton, Ohio, home of her dear grandchildren, and volunteer work fill her spare time.

Justine Edwards Borland and David fell in love with the enriching program during their August visit to the camp at Chatauqua Lake, N.Y. They stayed in a lovely old hotel, ate three spectacular meals a day, and were intellectually stimulated by the programs. Following that they went to San Antonio for the very moving experience of a nursing home area dedication in their son's memory.

Betsy Robertson spent much of her summer in Rhode Island helping her sister, Marie. She had a card from **Norvell Milliner Moore** and husband Dan mailed from Germany, where they were attending the "Passion Play." Betsy is soon to spend some wonderful autumn beach time at the South Carolina shore.

August found us once again in southern England at the foot of the Downs. Now a busy fall is pummeling all of us, but isn't it great to be back in the swing of things?

Please send me some news this winter.

1949

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1950

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As I write this in early September 2000, it seems like yesterday that I was greeting many of you at our reunion in June. The fun part was seeing friends who had never returned before and those who hadn't been back for many years. There were several who had attended MWC for only a few years.

Wava Spriggs Runck still lives in Dayton, Ohio. All her children are teachers. Widowed a while back, her interests are volunteering for senior programs at the U. of Dayton, cultural arts and Elderhosteling. **Ruth Alber Stuenckel** lives in Savannah, Ga., and came with **Louise Seuffert Desjardins** of Wynnewood, Pa. Lou enjoys her three grandchildren as well as gardening, decorating and visiting historic places.

"Reet" Willock Black came by train from Wilton, Conn. She was a drama and speech teacher in Virginia after graduation and then went to Tokyo for a two-year stint with Special Services in the Air Force. Now she is interested in yoga, country dancing and teaches ESL.

Also from Connecticut, **Ann Recker Johnson** and her husband were able to get together with suitemate **Mary Mount Lind** and Dick from Bethlehem, Pa. Ann, who was widowed 25 years ago, married a Pan Am pilot now retired. Mary is a retired teacher.

Gaynelle Parrish Grizzard spends time between Rome, Ga., and Florida. She and her husband retired from their wholesale cookie manufacturing bakery and flour mill, which their children now run. Also from Georgia, **"Ciel" Schoolcraft Townsend** and **Rowena Simpson Renn** came together. Rowena had a rough spring with some health problems at the same time that her husband had a hip replacement and her mother was terminally ill. On the happy side, she was honored at a reunion of her youth choir members from the years 1967-78. There were 79 in attendance. Ciel earned her private pilot license 10 years ago. She served as a "first responder" in the medical staff of the Atlanta Olympics.

Nancy Herring Stuart, **Lee Fox Sease** and **Betty Turner Jones** were a threesome around campus. Nancy lives in Annapolis, Md., and is a docent at the William Paca House. Lee lives in Spring Grove, Va., and is the manager of an 18th-century museum house in Surrey for the APVA. She is also a seasonal interpreter at Smith's Fort Plantation. Betty has lived in South Carolina for 20 years after moving 35 times as a Navy wife. She participates in Meals on Wheels, Friends of the Library, and enjoys gardening and water aerobics.

Nan Taylor Stockman spends winters in

Virginia and summers on Great Diamond Island, Maine, with her husband. She loves the outdoors, gardening, boating, craft work and her granddaughter. Her volunteer efforts are in environmental and ecological organizations. **Jean Scott Marks** of Franklin, Va., is chairman of the board of the Marks Construction Co. — incidental concrete. When her husband died in 1995, their company was a subcontractor on the Coleman Bridge in Yorktown — the second largest of its kind in the world — and she is proud to have been a part of the project.

Coming to Virginia from Puerto Rico, **Alicia DeRivera-Cruz** enjoyed seeing everyone again. In October '99 she participated in a Holy Lands pilgrimage to Greece and Israel — a spiritually rewarding experience.

It was nice to hear from **Janet Hoos Sonntag** of Westfield, N.J. She is a retired school social worker and is presently a sales associate with a Century 21 group. **Pat Klosterman Miller** and her husband are living at an elevation of 4,500 feet on Big Bald Mountain, Mars Hill, N.C. Their home was made from antique logs from nearby Tennessee. The area is literally a wildlife sanctuary.

Those of you who are gardeners would be interested to know that **Charlotte Delano Hundley** and her husband have rose gardens that are featured in a new book, *Beautiful America Rose Gardens*. She and her husband, a retired veterinarian, live in Heathville, Va., and both are judges for American Rose Society Horticulture.

Mary Jane Bassett Currier spent time in Florida in early 2000 and was visited by her cousin, **Georgene Kirkendall Harrison**, who recently remarried after 20 years of widowhood. They also talked with their former suitemate, **Janet Hanson Livermore**, who lives in Florida. Mary Jane lives in Longmeadow, Mass., and is active in the Women's Symphony League as well as being assistant treasurer of the College Club of Springfield.

We have several talented artists in our group. **Peggy Smith Emmons** in Fallston, Md., exhibits and sells work in oil, pastel and charcoal and also accepts commissions for portraits. **Jane Frazier Snead**'s work was accepted to be published in the recent book *Paint and Palette, Celebrating Food and Art in Fredericksburg*. In Evanston, Ill., **Loyce White Moskow** is painting, drawing and exhibiting her work. She is co-director of the Figurative Art League, Noyes Central Arts Center, Evanston.

A number of 50th wedding anniversaries were celebrated. **Billie Mitchell Hanes** and Dick were honored at a gathering of family and friends in November '99. **Martha Carr Huddleston** and **Marcy Weatherly Morris** and Juney were there. In August Marcy and Juney celebrated their anniversary at home in Georgetown, S.C. Attendant Billie joined them. Following the occasion, Billie had spinal surgery and, in spite of some complications, is doing well.

Patti Head Ferguson missed our reunion, as she and Glenn were having a special 50th anniversary celebration with their three children, who were also married in June. This took place in Dubrovnik, Croatia, where one of their sons lives. Patti is now in Santa Fe, N.M. She is involved with outreach programs to the Pueblos and is on the board of the Santa Fe Forum, working with the Indian Hospital. Also a June bride of 50 years.

Carol Bailey Miller is settling in her new home in Cumberland, Va. Shortly after our reunion, which she and Bill attended briefly because of a horse show judging commitment, Carol had rotator cuff surgery. **Peggy Fox Vaden** and Bill were planning a trip to Rome, Austria, Switzerland and Germany for their celebration. They live in Hamilton, Ga., and Peggy is a guide at various locations in Callaway Gardens. She and Bill are co-chairmen of the Cheer Cart at St. Francis Hospital in Columbus. Congratulations to all who have reached the half-century of marriage.

I was sorry to hear that **Betty Zipf** did not attend our reunion because of several surgical procedures she had earlier in the year. But good news came from **Rachel Nickey Morgenthaler**, who was back in Maryland with husband Skip after serious health problems in Florida. She was still having therapy but was looking forward to a reunion with all her children and their families.

Keep those letters coming!

1952

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As you can see from my new address, John and I have moved to be closer to our daughters and their families. We are close to Charlottesville, so come and visit us.

Athena Economy Burton attended Roanoke College 1948-50, graduated with us in '52 from MWC, and did graduate work at Va. Tech. In 1954 she married Richard "Dick" Burton. Athena taught biology at Roanoke College and at the College of Health Sciences in Roanoke, and after retirement, English as a second language. In politics, she served a term as vice-chairman and later as chairman of the board of supervisors. Four years ago the Burtons moved to Myrtle Beach, S.C., to the delight of their daughter, son, and four grandchildren. Among their pleasures are family, church work, travel, tutoring and bridge.

The Childs' children and grandchildren are scattered throughout Washington, Colorado, Louisiana, Alaska, California and Venezuela. **Barbara "Bobbye" Fowler Childs** and Dick love to travel and some of their recent trips included a week at a Mexican beach on the Sea of Cortez, Copper Canyon, Chinle, Canyon de Chelly, Durango, Houston, and a cruise to Athens, Istanbul, and the Greek Isles for Bobbye's birthday. Between travels and visits to the children (three boys and one girl) and grandchildren, the Childs spend the winters in Arizona and summers at their home in Washington.

First-ever news from **Jean Jones Thacker**: Jean has retired after teaching four years in Hampton and 29 at Amherst Co., Va., high school. Most years were spent teaching chemistry. Jean has three sons and four grandchildren and stays busy with church, bridge and family.

Phoebe Wilson Sherwood is busy singing in several choruses, working part time in a greenhouse and gardening for her own enjoyment. Her husband, Cullen, is a professor at JMU. They have three children. Their oldest, Sarah, a geoarcheologist, has hosted her parents at many of her working sites around the world. Stuart is working at home on his master's thesis in architecture from Va. Tech, and Phoebe's house is undergoing some great renovations. By the time this is read, their second son, Aaron, and wife Mia will have presented Phoebe and Cullen with their first grandchild.

Mildred Kolarik Bara and Charles have two daughters, one granddaughter and one grandson. They are enjoying retirement with volunteer work and travel. Mildred was first a management analyst for the Army and later taught school in Maryland. She phoned her former MWC roommate, **Sarah "Pat" Huston Hoffman**, for news. Pat has three daughters and four grandchildren. She has been twice widowed, lives in Rockwood, Pa., and winters in Florida. Pat went on an African safari with her church group. She's active in church work, teaches pre-school two days a week at her church, works with a children's musical group and baby-sits when needed.

Mary Lou Finney Boyd's son John and Meg had a daughter, Mollie, in January 2000. Mary Lou enjoys playing with her first grandchild. Even in retirement, Mary Lou does a lot of work at the Chesterwye Center, a home for adults. In 1999 she helped raise $67,000 in one evening.

I could almost see **Elaine Nader Powell** beaming over the telephone as she told me the new events in their family. She and Jim are proud of their first grandchild, Ryan. His father is their son, Greg. Their older son, Jamie, was married in August.

In July we enjoyed a visit from **Carol Oliver Headlee** and Tom. We spent a delightful evening at a play in Roanoke. Their two daughters live in Richmond and Woodbridge, and their travels often take them to Northern Virginia to visit with their two grandsons.

I was sad to hear that **Rita Brahs Hawkins**' husband of almost 44 years died in March after a seven-year battle with prostate cancer. Their daughter, Pam, and her three little ones moved in for the summer. Pam ran the swim program at the Hyannis Yacht Club while Rita grandchildsat. Son Scott and daughter Sue with her three children joined them for the last two weeks. Rita enjoyed a trip up the Mississippi on the *American Queen* in September. She keeps busy with golf, church and community activities. She said Cape Cod is a beautiful place, and she would love to have any classmates visit!

1954

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Please let me hear from you. We have little news to report for the Class of '54! I feel certain that there are many interesting and exciting things happening and things that you would like to share with your classmates.

Here are a few questions that might stimulate your thinking about what is new in your life: What have you been doing since retirement, or have you retired? If not, what are you doing? Do you do much traveling? What about your children? What about grandchildren?

Our 50th anniversary reunion is coming up soon. What would you like to do that is not planned by MWC? What should we have during our class meeting? Please suggest — it will be a great help to those who are working on bringing us the very best reunion possible. Any information that you can send me for the newsletter and/or suggestions, comments and questions concerning the 50th reunion would be helpful and very appreciated.

Lois Graff Reiser goes to her father-in-law's to give him dinner every night. He turned 102 in August. Lois now has seven grandchildren.

Eleanor Hathaway Deane is retired and very active in her church. She is a deacon and a member of the missions committee. She has special memories of breakfast at the Sweet Shop, her wonderful professor and mentor, Dr. Parkinson, and her special friends.

Helen Hodges Conte and her husband are retired and live on Helen's family farm in Frederick County, Md. They renovated the 80-plus-year-old farmhouse. She lived at Brent.

Esther "Ess" Jacob Evans is a volunteer at the Eastern Shore Public Library. She enjoys playing bridge, flower arranging and traveling. She has been a widow since 1977. She thanks all her friends who helped her overcome homesickness freshman year and remembers "heavenly hash" at Seacobeck and Mr. Allen, her sociology professor.

1956

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1960

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Beverly Sulpice Persell wrote that son Jeff and his wife, Liz, had a baby boy, Eric, in October 1999. Her sophomore roommate, **Louise Couch Grivin**, had a granddaughter born the same day. "Bob and I love baby-sitting for him. That makes us grandparents of three." Bev further wrote that she and Bob celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary with a trip to a Guadeloupe Club Med, where Bev got to practice her French. Bev was offered a position teaching French at the Congressional School in Falls Church, which she accepted. The job offer came just before the Guadeloupe trip, so Bev and Bob had even more reason to celebrate!

Diana Copple Smith wrote of a wonderful trip to Disney World that she, daughter Amy and Diana's father took last fall. Diana also was in charge of planning and coordinating an 85th birthday party for her dad in Richmond, which was a wonderful reunion for the entire family. Diana enjoyed a Caravan Tour in San Jose, Costa Rica, in April for 10 days.

Marilyn Schulman Rafal wrote: "I still live in Virginia Beach and work part time doing medical transcription for a general surgeon. I'm very lucky in that I pick my own hours, so I get to play lots of tennis in the morning and then go to work. I also have lots of time to spend with my grandchildren. My daughter, Dana, is married to a pediatrician in Norfolk. My son, Adam, is an attorney in Norfolk, so I am very pleased to have the family right here. My husband is still practicing law but keeps making those retirement sounds! I guess he's entitled after 41 years."

Had not heard for some time from **Donna Stevens Boyd**, but then she sent the news that daughter Denise's pregnancy was progressing just fine and that their first grandchild would shortly make his debut. Noah gave everyone a bit of a scare in that he appeared to be eager to enter the world before he should. Donna and Harold have been staying pretty close to home so they can be on hand to welcome Noah to the family.

Emily Lewis and her husband, Tony Andres, are now officially moved into their house on the Afton side of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Emily had a significant birthday in September and was totally surprised by the party Tony planned for her. Emily and Tony's house on Elk Mountain is lovely with a wonderful view of the Rockfish Valley/Nelson County. The road to their house is off Skyline Drive and, when I asked about the green boxes positioned about every 50 yards along the private road, I was told that each box comes equipped with sand and a shovel, courtesy of Elk Mountain owners, for their "snow days."

Emily, Tony and Emily's sister, **Judy Lewis Clark** '61, and her husband, John, joined Jerry and me at a delightful brunch this summer at a mountain place near Lexington, Va., that my sister, **Sharon Tench West** (who attended MWC for a year) and her husband, Sam, hosted for us all shortly after Emily and Tony moved back to Virginia from Indiana.

Helen Alexion James and I both were present to help Emily celebrate the big birthday. Helen writes of progress and frustrations involving the house she and husband Gus were building in Virginia Beach. They hoped to be in the new place around Christmas, but Helen says that building cost overages are such that they most probably will not have any furniture. Their daughter, Mary Margaret (Squeegie), has opened her own pediatric practice in Charlotte, N.C., with another colleague. Helen and Gus (a.k.a. the contractor) recently enjoyed a trip to New Orleans, to celebrate their 36th wedding anniversary, where they dined sumptuously at Emeril's Restaurant.

Nancy O'Neal Robinson is the most fully employed "retired person" I know! She e-mails frequently of meetings, trips and the like that are connected with her church vestry position. Thankfully, she and her husband take frequent get-away trips to wonderful inns and B&B's in the California environs for R&R.

Mary Wolff Maddrey Isenhour continues to work long and tirelessly as the president of our local Friends of the Library organization. Thanks largely to her efforts, we hope to be breaking ground on the new library building some time in 2001. Wolfie's Interiors by Isenhour has various house design and decoration projects in the Emerald Isle area that sometimes keeps her "too busy," she says.

Jeannine Sorce Smith sent news of the annual weekend reunion that she and her three sisters enjoyed at Wintergreen, Va. Jeannine and her husband took a week's vacation at the beach in July with their two sons, their wives and the "most precious granddaughter in the world."

Jane Walshe McCracken sent a July e-mail chock full of news. "In April I was taken out to lunch by my supervisor and the executive director of the adoption agency for which I had been working 24 hours a week since May '99. They asked me to consider working 40 hours a week, adding foster care/foster-adopt duties to the things I was already doing as post-adoption contact worker. I'm not the sit-around-doing-nothing type, and since Jay works full time, it made sense for me to take them up on their offer." Jane and Jay bought a condo in April about a mile from the apartment they rented for the almost two years since they moved back to Orange County. "We like our new home, but the move and the added working hours really did me in. Our family is well — although the grandchildren are growing up too fast." In July they flew north for Meghan's 8th birthday and to visit.

I correspond fairly frequently with **Frances Goins Wilhoit** '63, who was my roommate junior year. She wrote of the loss of her stepfather. Frances stayed several weeks with her mother after his death, and, in spite of the sad reason for her visit, she enjoyed being back in Robinsonville, N.C., and getting reacquainted with her family roots. Frances' daughter, Hannah, lives with her husband in Cary, N.C., so Frances and Cleve were able to visit them there on the return trip to Bloomington, Ind., where Frances and Cleve have lived for many years.

Jerry and I mentally paced the floor as we awaited the arrival of our twin granddaughters. Daughter, Carrie, who was past the 30-week mark as I compile these notes, and we continued to rejoice for every day that the babies stayed put, even though their mommy was getting pretty uncomfortable at that stage of her pregnancy. We had a grand time at the beach in July with Carrie and her family and our other daughter, Dina, and her family. One night our small condo was the scene of a family slumber party — there were folks sleeping everywhere, but it was fun! Our son, Jerry T. and his wife missed that particular party but visited us at the beach in August for a long weekend. Jerry T., his wife, Amy, Jerry and I are all going to visit Prague, Czech Republic, in March 2001. My husband's family originally came from the Prague area and we are all looking forward to exploring that part of the world for the first time.

Please send news! You don't have to be the person who wrote a best seller or climbed Mt. Everest. We all enjoy knowing the special things in your life, as well as the good and bad that you want to share with us. Please keep in touch.

1964

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Ten years ago our Mason suitemates gathered at the family home of **Margaret "Peggy Morgan Tarr** at Isle of Palms near Charleston to celebrate our 25th MWC class reunion. During the past 10 years we have managed to keep in close contact with one another and attend our children's weddings and other family gatherings. We once again met at Isle of Palms this past August to celebrate our 35th class reunion. What a joy it has been to maintain such special friendships over the years.

Here are some details about our Mason suitemates:

Betsy Churchman Geary lives in Richmond with her husband, Ray. She works at McGuire, Woods, Buttle and Boothe. She and Ray have two children. Jill lives in Durham, N.C., where she works as a medical technologist at Duke Hospital. She is the mother of Michael and Sarah. Son Drew lives in Reading, Pa., with his wife, Jen. He works for the *Reading Times* as a designer. Jen is working on her Ph.D. They have a daughter, Rachel.

Betty Gregory Wickersham lives in Bakersfield, Calif., with her husband, Gordon. They have three sons: Greg, an English teacher in Atlanta, Ga.; Ted, an entrepreneur in San Diego, Calif.; and Alex, a sophomore mechanical engineering student at the U. of California in Santa Barbara. For the past five years Betty has been involved in the challenge of opening and developing a new high school, in a small mountain community, which specializes in integrating technology throughout the curriculum. Recently she became an administrator in the Lamont School District closer to home. The family enjoys tennis and recording extended family events in photo albums.

Dorothy "Dot" McDowell Smith's husband, Admiral Leighton W. Smith, retired in September 1996. After living several years in Italy, they moved to Washington, D.C., where he became president of Leighton Smith Associates consulting firm. They have three children: son Leighton and Yvonne are both nurses with two boys; Page is married to Lewellyn Lewis, a Navy lieutenant, and recently had a baby while living in Italy; and Dee Dee, an ensign in the Navy, is an intelligence officer stationed aboard the *USS Kennedy*. Dottie and Leighton are eagerly looking forward to

moving to the new home they are completing in Pinehurst, N.C.

Linda Rudd Davis and her husband, Peter, live in Prescott, Ariz. They have two children: Jean, who is married to Tim Sheehy and lives in Marblehead, Mass.; and son Benjamin, who lives in Milwaukee, Wis. Having been transferred numerous times with Peter's employment, they are thoroughly enjoying the wide-open spaces of the Southwest with camping, hiking and backroading. Peter is the COO of the West Yavapai Guidance Clinic in Prescott, and Linda has continued to pursue medical office management.

Margaret "Peggy" Morgan Tarr lives in Columbia, S.C., and works at the Department of Social Services. She has three sons and a grandson. Peggy states that she is "finally enjoying an empty nest," though frequently welcomes her family and enjoys taking care of Bennett. Peggy sent the following news about our classmates.

The Halifax County, Va., Class of 1960 reunion was the gathering place for many MWC graduates. Six of the class were also MWC graduates. **Francis Page Loftis** is a retired foreign language and history teacher, who has moved back to her hometown of South Boston, Va. **Nancy Cocke Campbell** lives in Chesterfield, Va., and is a real estate agent. **Martha Jane Coates** moved back to the family estate after her father's death in 1998. She has retired from social work in the Bronx, N.Y., and is now a gentlelady farmer and history student. Martha has taken classes to earn a history major from Randolph-Macon Women's College. She has also traveled to Canada, Spain, Italy and Greece to check out historical sites in person. Her son, who lives in Raleigh, has presented her with another grandchild, the fourth Lolo Dextre.

Becky Spears Wright lives in Virginia Beach and enjoys volunteer work and golf. **Clara Forlines Conner** lives in Greensboro, N.C., and works for Bank of America. She and Chip have three children, and she is a math teacher. **Roberta Mellor Tilden** is a librarian in Chapel Hill, N.C.

There were other MWC people at the reunion. **Barbara Upson Gravely** '61 attended with her husband, Martin, who was a school administrator in Halifax County in 1960. They live in Wilmington, Del., where Barbara is in the legal department of DuPont. **Margaret Fuller Ross** '57 was a history teacher in 1960 and is probably responsible for so many of us going to MWC. **Oakley Hall Roberts** '44 was our science teacher and an excellent educator. She is now working as a literacy tutor.

1966

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This is our last article before our 35th reunion in June 2001! Thanks to all of you who have responded, many with plans to attend. **Barbara Bishop Mann**, our alumni coordinator, is eager to see all of us in Fredericksburg and is already hard at work for us. Bobbi decided to continue teaching at least one more year and is back in the classroom. After serving as a delegate to the 2000 NEA Convention in Chicago, being re-elected to the VEA board of directors, and spending time at Longwood College for technology training, she just couldn't bear to leave the classroom. While in Chicago Bobbi was joined by her mother, a nephew from Indiana, and then husband Bob, making the off-hours a real vacation. Bobbi invites each of you to come to the reunion and bring a friend!

Susan Roth Nurin is also planning to attend the reunion, coming from Annapolis. She sold her big house, moved into a large townhouse in the same area, and rested afterwards by taking a European/Asian tour. Now Susan is back in her teaching position, thoroughly refreshed and loving her school.

Carolyn Perry Grow reports from Charlottesville that husband Dave has retired for the second time and has sold his financial planning business. Carolyn plans to continue working at Monticello, however, even though they have purchased a condo in Corolla, S.C., where they spend an average of one week a month. Teaching is no longer part of Carolyn's routine, and the new pattern suits both her and Dave very well. Carolyn added that she heard from **Pat Thompson**, who is in Germany, still with NSA.

Kathleen Goddard Moss is also looking forward to seeing everyone at our reunion.

She and husband Tom still reside in Alexandria, Va., but plan to spend a great deal of time traveling to Ohio, California and Spain, since that's where their children are living. And having two grandchildren now, they are cutting back on work to spend time with them. Kathleen retired in October from her position as executive director of ATTACh, the Association for Treatment and Training in the Attachment of Children. She was a one-person office, a very demanding situation, and now enjoys working only part time as a therapist for children and families dealing with attachment problems. After Tom retires next summer, the serious traveling can begin.

Linda Potter Berry, originally from Connecticut, is firmly entrenched in New York City, having lived there since 1988. She and her husband have an apartment on Greenwich Street, not far from Carnegie Hall. Linda is a counselor with LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene and MacRae, specializing in corporate insurance and reinsurance issues. Since her mother and sister now reside in New England, Linda doesn't often head south any more. She did mention that she used to stop and visit with Dr. Donald Glover, her faculty adviser, whenever she was in the Fredericksburg area.

Kathleen "Kathy" Reuter Posen, whom I knew while living a year in the Spanish House, is in California. Originally from Northern Virginia, Kathy majored in Spanish and immediately applied it to qualifying as an international airline hostess. She stopped flying to raise her son, then joined an IPO start-up company in Glendale for a career in telecommunications and facilities management. When she retired, Kathy was the oldest person in the whole company! She and husband Harlan have both retired, have sold their house and have built a new one high on a cliff overlooking the San Bernardino Valley. Kathy's son lives and works in Oregon, but her two stepdaughters and three grandchildren are much closer. Kathy keeps in touch with **Carolee Prosise Taylor**, who continues to be successful in real estate in Williamsburg, Va.

Anne Meade Clagett and husband John Wilcox report that they are both enjoying good health in their wooded haven near Marshall, Va. Retirement suits them both and gives Anne ample time to install a new computer, scanner and printer, plus time to take a course at the community college to become computer literate. She laments that one disadvantage of living out in the country among other contemporaries is that there's no one from the younger generation nearby to run over to help her with computer snags. Nevertheless, she's online and doing fine! Anne's looking forward to seeing everyone in June.

Sandra Hutchison Hoybach traveled to Texas last summer for son Brandon's wedding. It was quite an experience for her and her whole family to relocate and enjoy the Southern hospitality of daughter-in-law Allison's family. Daughter Amy, who lives and works near Denver, remarked that she suddenly has a new perspective on weddings, that it would take her years to prepare for a similar occasion, and that she may have a really quiet wedding when the time comes. Since Sandra's three children now live in three different areas of the country, the holiday logistics are fast becoming a real challenge. Sandra has now passed the 20-year mark with a software company in Reston, Va., and is weighing all the factors before setting a retirement date.

Jana Privette Usry simply cannot stay away from teaching. Although she retired from the public schools in Richmond, Va., she continues to teach two classes at J. Sargent Reynolds Community College and has added a retirement supplement from Henrico County Schools to teach 20 days a year at Henrico High School. Her mediation business is taking off with a contract from the Supreme Court of Virginia to conduct a series of mediations in the Richmond area. At last report, Jana was recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery just in time to join a tap-dancing class! We expect a demonstration at the reunion, Jana.

Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner's news is primarily that she still plays a lot of golf and has made another trip to England for husband Charlie's family reunion. The big change is her new great-niece namesake, Kathryn Taylor Britt, who is obviously precocious in every way. Mary Kathryn plans to travel to Spain in March with **Linda Spangler Berkheimer**, **Sally Souder**, and **Annette Maddra Horner** to visit **Mary Parsons Black**, who is living there on assignment with her Navy husband. We'll be eager to hear about the trip, Mary Kathryn, and whether or not you have finally retired from Shaw Systems.

Sandra Beville Williams spends a good deal of time traveling with her antique business. She rents space in shopping malls for her shows of furniture and accessories, which she describes as "country but not primitive." Although she and her husband, Paul, live in Potomac, Md., they both travel to Pennsylvania, upstate New York, and Atlanta, Ga., to find antiques to market. With her son in Tampa, Fla., a construction engineer, and her siblings in California, Sandy is undecided about whether to relocate after Paul's retirement next year. Sandy and I had some fun reminiscing about the old rules we endured at MWC, the golf classes we took, and she asked about her old roommate, **Carol Cobert McGill**, who is now in Folly Beach, S.C. She also reminisced about one of her Groveton High School classmates, **Kathy Fowler Bahnson**, who is now in Charlotte, S.C.

As for me, the situation continues to be about the same except that the grandchildren are all another year older, more of them are attending school, and Hank and I still thoroughly enjoy being surrounded by family. We have spent entirely too many hours carrying out our duties as officers in the Pentagon Sailing Club for two years now and look forward to retiring from that so we can enjoy more actual boating. Our ski club is planning a trip to Telluride, Colo., in February, which should be as much fun as the trip we took last winter to Park City, Utah. Meanwhile, Hank works full time and I volunteer at the local elementary school as a math resource teacher "in my spare time," loving every bit of it.

Thanks again for all your correspondence. See you in June!

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Hello, classmates. The old adage, "no news is good news," really does not apply when one is a class agent. I haven't heard from anyone since I sent in my last update! Please e-mail, write, phone, or stop by if you're in Tidewater. I'd love to hear what's going on in your lives, and I think the rest of the Class of '72 would, also.

Shades of *déjà vu*. **CeCe Priest Stanfield**, **Gail Sherwood Cervarich**, **Mary E. Howell** '73, and I have started playing bridge on an almost-weekly basis. While some things remain the same (Gail begging for "just one more hand"), others have changed considerably since our dorm days (no cigarettes, and we have attempted to expunge "Mary Wash bridge rules" from our games).

After going back to school for certification, **Martie Whitehead Allen** has begun a new career as a special education teacher in the Henrico County public schools. Good luck, Martie, in a rewarding, as well as challenging, career.

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Class of 1974, come to our rescue! Yes, we could probably make up some juicy stories for you to read here, but we believe that truth is better than fiction (and we're sure you would agree). So, take a moment out of your busy schedule to tell us what you've been up to lately. We're not looking for pages and pages; a few sentences would be wonderful.

Hubbard reports that she and **Carol Flaherty** visited **Lisa Tyree Nose** in Trabuco Canyon, Calif., during the summer. Lisa, husband Don, and dog Babs live in a house overlooking the canyon. Hubbard said that, as a lifelong East Coast resident, the desert terrain was quite a shock. Lisa, who has experienced living in Virginia, Florida, and Vancouver, has adjusted well and is enjoying her work in pharmaceutical sales. Don was extremely tolerant of the group's nonstop chatting and reminiscing about MWC exploits. Carol continues to work for IBM and lives in Raleigh, N.C., with significant other, Sid, and their two English bulldogs. Patti is pleased that she will be serving (for the second time!) as vice president for classes on the MWC Alumni Association board of directors. She would like to encourage other alums to get involved with the Alumni Association. One year Hubbard and Patti volunteered to help at MWC during a 1973 class reunion and had a blast!

MWC grads are everywhere! Patti, who is with the Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS) as director of brain injury and spinal cord injury services, works closely with **Stacy Lucas** '94, who is employed at the Brain Injury Association of Virginia. Stacy and Patti enjoyed talking about the changes in campus life from '74! Patti also saw **Cindy Barnett** '71 recently. Cindy, who lives in Nags Head, N.C., has been a long-time supporter of the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation (VBCF), which Patti co-founded in 1991. Patti will be chairing VBCF's 10th anniversary gala in October 2001 in between juggling the activities of her husband, Dennis, and two teen-agers, Patrick and Megan.

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As you can see, our family has moved to Salem, Va. I am very glad to be in such a beautiful area with terrific mountain views. This spring I will be traveling back to Fredericksburg for our 25th class reunion, and I hope that many of you will consider attending. We have always had substantial participation in our scheduled reunions, but since this year is our 25th, I hope that many of those who have not returned in the past will consider being a part of this year's celebration. I would also like for our friends in '74, '75, '77, and '79 to consider joining us. It would be great to see everyone. **Jane Reese-Coulbourne** is organizing activities, and I heard from several of you in the last year who said you were planning to attend for the first time. See you there.

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From Laura:

Hi all! I hope everyone has a lot of time to sit by the fire and read this issue of *MWC Today*!

By the way, I'm a new class agent, which means you'll be hearing from me for the next five years, which is a good thing, because in the 20 years we've all been gone, I've sent only one update to any of the news agents — and that was just last spring! Now I have to write! I welcome notes, phone calls, newspaper clippings anyone wants to send, but most of all, e-mails. Drop me a few lines and let me know what you've been up to, or what some of our classmates have been up to.

I, for one, have had a busy year — a lot of travel. First of all, home for my Dad's terminal illness and funeral in February 2000, then back again for the MWC reunion and a week or so with my brother and my mom, then to Louisville, Ky., to attend the national convention of the American Council of the Blind, to which I received a full scholarship as Western winner of their first-timer's contest — (if I was still living in Virginia, I couldn't have won.) A recipe I submitted to *Country Magazine* won Midwest winner and it was reprinted in one of their cookbooks in the spring; so, my local newspaper followed up with a full-page story; and a couple of months later, I made the paper again with a story in the business section featuring my home-based business, L. & M. Tele-Services. Enough about me; now let me hear about you!

It was great to see about 40 of our class at the reunion in June. A funny thing, as they took class pictures on the steps of Monroe during the picnic, ours was the first one to include a couple of gentlemen! It was great to see **Victor Yastrop** and **Ford Hart** in the crowd. Ford came all the way from Beijing with his wife, Vicky, and their newly adopted Chinese baby daughter, Alice.

The day after the reunion, I went to church at the Greek Orthodox Church — definitely a new addition to the town since my MWC days. I was very surprised to run into **Joanne Whelan Nikitakis** there, who is now a happy, stay-at-home mother of four.

Several classmates expressed the opinion that **Sameena Ahmed Moghal** hasn't changed a bit. **Kathy Epsom Peake**, with whom I shared a table at the reunion banquet, is enjoying life in Arizona with her doctor-husband and children; and, compared to a lot of us, **Diane Christopher Bridge** is still a newlywed, living in Fairfax and working in D.C.

And what about the girls who lived on Ball 2-West for their junior year? **Kim Rossman Gayle** is living in Stuart's Draft, Va., with her teen-aged son and daughter, where she's able to put her artistic talents to good use. **Carolyn Cashman Kettler** joined forces with the U.S. — no, she didn't enlist or anything — she went to Germany as a teacher in the DODDS schools and is still traveling all around the world. She is at Dover AFB, Del., with husband Tom, sons William and Andrew, and her aspiring singer-daughter, Elizabeth.

Miss **Lovina Titchenell**, better known as Sue or Titch, has been with the National Park Service for almost 12 years and enjoys Cape Cod, where she works as a housing management specialist. She took up cross-stitching a few years ago, but I don't know if she's mastered the talent of doing it while reading those crime novels she's so fond of. She claims full credit for finding **Tammy Cameron Bonaime**, whose name appeared on the "lost list," which the College sent to all of us prior to the reunion. Tammy, who lives in Fredericksburg, teaches music at Dahlgren and even went back to MWC for the computer-certificate course, finds it amusing that it took a friend from Massachusetts to find her again!

And speaking of lost folks, there are only 308 names on the class list I have. If you know anything about the other 200 or so of us, please get in touch with me. Also, if you don't call me with your contributions to this column, you might just get a call from me one day, right out of the blue. If you don't believe me, ask Carolyn, Sue and Tammy! Till next time!

From Nancy:

Kathy Jones Harris and husband Jim vacationed at the Jersey shore and spent a week with family in Chautauqua, N.Y. On the way home to New Jersey they stopped in Alfred, N.Y., to visit with **Linda Jones**. They had a great time together and enjoyed seeing Linda's beautiful property in the country. Kathy, who is a librarian, was in the middle of what sounded to be a challenging and somewhat stressful $4 million dollar renovation project. Jim was on the look for new work as the result of a company takeover but was looking forward to a few weeks off in the interim. They were planning a trip to the south of France in October, and Kathy hopes her MWC French stands up to the test.

Kimm Harty, who is a geologist living in Salt Lake City, keeps busy working, tending to

her four-plex and rebuilding the interior of her house. Her Labor Day weekend was spent helping to cut up and remove her 80-foot tree that blew over and crashed onto the roof of her neighbor's house. She was looking forward to a more relaxing time during her annual vacation in Daytona Beach in October.

Ron Bennet, who practically lives in my backyard, currently works for Lockheed Martin Corp. in the Research Triangle Park, N.C., as a computer specialist/network systems manager. His post-MWC days included being stationed with the Navy at Virginia Beach and training naval aviators on electronics systems on the F-14 Tomcat (as in "Top Gun!") at Grumman Aerospace Corp. on Long Island, N.Y. More recently, Ron studied at UNC and Duke U. and worked there as a computer network systems manager. Ron's wife, **Barbara Swank Bennett,** who was his girlfriend at MWC, uses her expertise in the equestrian field while working in various capacities as a senior administrative assistant to the president of a golfing community in Chapel Hill, N.C. She is also pursuing a real estate broker's license. Ron and Barb lease a 38-acre horse farm, where they enjoy the company of six horses and two dogs.

Janine Peake lives in London with her husband, John Geanuracos, a consultant for IBM, and two daughters, Maria and Allegra. Janine works part time as a capital markets adviser on contract to Deloitte & Touche and as a business strategy consultant for an Internet company. In her free time she manages to fit in some volunteer work as well!

Cheryl McKay Comes will be back in Virginia this fall following three years in New York City, where she was working for Phillip Morris USA on its corporate giving programs. In Richmond, she will continue in the same capacity, but also will be expanding her efforts into employee giving and volunteerism.

Lisa "Bremby" Brehm Ellis works part time as a systems engineer designing Web-based computer software for the Defense Department. Her three kids, Ryan, Kelly and Brianna, keep her busy with many activities including Cub Scouts, Brownies, and Sunday school, yet she manages to find time to quilt, which is her latest passion. Last summer the Ellis family traveled from Fairfax, Va., to Myrtle Beach, Colorado and New York. They visited **Mary Hobson**, who works as a midwife in Ossining, N.Y. Mary's big news was that she is adopting a baby girl from China and hopes to bring her new daughter home this winter.

Patty Goliash Andril, husband David and kids, Katie and John, spent a memorable summer on the water. They sailed from Newport, R.I., to Cuttyhunk, Mass., then on to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. It was a great trip with no TV or computers! They next lived on their sailboat on the West River near Galesville, Md., while the kids became skilled mariners after a month of sailing lessons.

Colleen Henegan, who is a school psychologist, spent her summer learning to enjoy and care for a new pool and hot tub (where are those chem majors when you need them?). She played a little golf, spent a week at the beach, and took short trips to visit family and friends.

I received e-mails from **Gail Melanson Carr** and **Amy Hauck Newman,** who both sounded well and very busy, but they did not provide me with any official news authorized for print!

My kids, Katie and Tanner, and I spent five weeks in Switzerland during June and July with my husband, Larry, who was working in Basel for Novartis Corp. We saw some amazing scenery and experienced a lot of culture while visiting the Italian, German, and French regions of a country that is only twice the size of New Jersey.

I look forward to hearing from you!

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Hi one and all! As you may have discovered from the new address listed above, I have moved back to Massachusetts! Baltimore was great, but the ties to home were just too strong to ignore. I have joined the law firm of Brecher, Wyner, Simons & Bolan LLP, located on the outskirts of Boston.

I hope that everyone is gearing up for our upcoming 15th reunion, which is slated for June 1-2! Mark your calendars now! Based on the success of the last two events, we should be in for a great time!

Thanks again to those of you who have sent news on our classmates! Here's the latest: **Jocelyn Piccone Allgood** and husband Kirk, **Tracy Greener Hollan**, **Brenda Thier Evans** and husband Andy, **Mina Holden Horn** and husband Todd and I got together for a day of reminiscing last August — complete with an array of children! My, how we have aged! Jocelyn filled everyone in on her new hobby/sport, sculling, while Brenda was showing signs of her pregnancy as she and Andy were expecting the birth of their second child in September 2000. **Stephanie Doswald Sebolt** was not able to make the get-together but was able to catch up on old times with me in Washington, D.C., earlier in the month. Stephanie has returned to teaching after taking a year off to raise her twin boys, named Max and Alex.

Candice Fletcher Worley reported that she and her husband, Mac, welcomed their third child last July. Little Jake joins big brother Conner and sister Kate. Candice is active in the metro-Atlanta tennis league and spends most of her time chasing her kids around! She and Mac are building their dream house in Marietta, Ga. Candice says that she keeps in touch with **Donna Metzger Latagne** and **Sheryl Devaun Manspile**.

Tim Gill is working in the FBI's counter-terrorism division in Washington, D.C. Tim, his wife Karla and their two children, Patrick and Noelle, live in Annandale, Va.

June was a popular month with **Kris Kabza** '88 and his wife, Jennifer, due to the arrival of their son, Kyle Matthew. **Mary Ellen Phelan Landis**, her husband, Henry, and their two daughters welcomed a new male addition, Brendan Todd.

The notes were a little short this edition. Please send me any news that you have.

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Our 10-year reunion last summer was very well attended — over 50 alumni posed for the class picture! Many people commented on how strange it was to attend our class party in the Jefferson Hall lobby, the Smith's blaring in the background, and find ourselves a decade older with careers, children, spouses, etc. One of the funniest moments for me was watching the daughter of one alumnus covering her ears, telling her daddy that his music was too loud. Here is just a partial list of updates on 1990 alumni:

I live in Fredericksburg with my husband, Chris, and work as a bereavement program coordinator at Mary Washington Hospice. I am also pursuing a master's degree in social work. Just days after the reunion, I found that I was pregnant with our first child!

Speaking of babies, the reunion weekend was chock full of them. **Holley Lum Remer** was there with her husband, Steve, and their two daughters, Samantha and 3-month-old Rachel. They recently bought a home in McLean. Holley is in human resources at the American Psychological Association.

Jay Comfort was not able to make it to the reunion because it coincided with the opening weekend of his new restaurant in downtown Fredericksburg, Bistro 309. **Drennan Lindsay** and I took a brief break from reunion activities to visit Jay's restaurant, where he was busy preparing his delicious gourmet dishes. Drennan lives in Arlington, Va., and works as a convention planner in the telecommunications industry. I also attended the reunion with another close friend, **Kathy Underwood** '91. Kathy lives in Spotsylvania, Va., with her boyfriend, Steve, two dogs and three cats. She continues to enjoy horseback riding, works full time in Richmond and is pursuing her master's in accounting.

It was great to reunite with **Sherry Brinser Oelkers** and her husband, **Jeff Oelkers**. Sherry and Jeff live in Richmond, Va., with their daughter, Katherine. Sherry is taking a break from teaching Spanish in order to spend more time with Katherine but continues to run a tutoring business out of her home. Sherry also helped me gather information on the following alumni with whom she keeps in touch:

Andrea Nichols Justice spent many years in Northern Virginia with her husband, Jay, and is now back home in Lynchburg. She has worked at the Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services for 10 years and is pursuing her master's degree in rehabilitative counseling. Andrea and Jay live with their dog, Cookie, and enjoy spending time on their boat at Smith Mountain Lake.

Rachel Voshburg Zellers has recently settled in her new home in Castle Rock, Colo., with her husband, Troy. Rachel spent several years

as an infertility researcher at the Jones Institute and is now a stay-at-home mom with their daughter, Erin.

Cheryl Smith is getting ready to move into a new home in Northern Virginia and is working at the Society for Human Resource Management. She keeps in touch with **Amy Daigle** '91, who is also doing very well and lives in Olney, Md.

Kim Reed Sheldon and husband Peter live in Lynchburg, Va., where they both work at Randolph-Macon Women's College. He is a physics professor, and she is in recruiting and admissions.

Chrissy Bordonaro DeRosa lives on Long Island with her husband, Doug, and dog Buddy. She is an elementary-school teacher and reading specialist, and he is a junior high-school civics teacher.

Leslie Flowers Lausten married **Dave Lausten** '91. They are both elementary-school teachers in Stafford, Va., and have a son, Nicholas.

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Nellie L. King is engaged and was planning a December wedding in Palm Beach, Fla. Not only is this a Christmas wedding, but it will be a double ceremony with her sister, Josie. Several Mary Washington alumni will be in attendance, including **Shannon Rothgeb Powell**, **Gabby Sulzbach**, **Katie Levering Sears**, **Jeniffer Levering Galvin** and **Michelle Brown Floyd**. Nellie is an attorney practicing criminal law and recently bought a home in Jupiter, Fla., with her fiancé, Carl R. Schaefer.

1994

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I haven't heard much from you all this time around, but I'll be looking forward to future news from you, keeping me abreast of your latest joys and concerns.

Luckily, all of the news I did get was positive! **Jackie McCauley Clark** and **Hunter Clark** '93 have relocated from Spotsylvania, Va., to Richmond and are both working in the social studies department at Clover Hill High School in Chesterfield, Va. Jackie just finished her last class in MWC's Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program and will be graduating in May 2001. Hunter and Jackie have kept in touch with **Amy Hepburn Townsend** and **George Townsend**, who also live in Richmond and have just had their first child, a boy!

Aron Keesbury wrote that he received his master's from Boston U. in 1996 and has been working as an editor of English college textbooks in Boston ever since. He has also started to teach poetry part time at the Bay State Correctional Facility. Aron married his long-time girlfriend, Rebby Carey, in August and honeymooned in France and Italy.

Add **Kirk Ranzetta** to the list of married men. He and Pat Deem were married in Oregon in October. They have recently purchased a house in Maryland, where Kirk is working in his field of historic preservation. I visited with Kirk and Pat last summer at a gathering in Annapolis, Md., at the home of **Claudette Gamache Sherman** and **Bill Sherman** '96. Claudette and Bill also belong to the "milestone" list as they are expecting their first child in March. After almost completely renovating their home single-handedly over the past year, they will need something to occupy their time! As Claudie and I were such good friends at MWC, I am certainly thrilled about their impending addition, but I'm even more thrilled because Eric and I are due with our second child on exactly the same day. What a coincidence!

I am excited to become a mother again and also to graduate with my M.Ed. shortly thereafter. It will be a busy spring in the Ziegenmeyer household! But, I'll still have time for your news, so keep me updated!

1996

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Hey everyone! I hope that this year has found everyone well. I'm enjoying my third year of teaching at Orange Hunt ES in Springfield. **Carlyn Floyd** is also teaching. She works with students with emotional disabilities and does post-graduate work at GWU in special education. Another teacher among us is **Kiea Brown**. She is teaching algebra to seventh-graders while working on her second master's degree! **Lisa Prillaman** has begun a master's program at GMU in instructional technology while teaching at Falmouth Elementary.

My former roommate, **Marianne Ott**, is working her way up the ranks in the company she works for. She has recently left the comforts of mom's house! **Patty Bryan-Janes** is busy working for Scholastic, writing for a science magazine for kids. **Sara Bennington** has begun a new job writing for the Center for Marine Conservation in D.C. Sara plays rugby for the Washington, D.C., Furies. She and her dog, Jackson, live in Arlington. Also working in D.C., **Keith Conley** is the training coordinator for Winstar Communications. **April Tofanelli** left Winstar Communications and all her friends in Northern Virginia for the Wild West! After many miles, many states, and a speeding ticket, she arrived in San Francisco to start her new life. She is living with **Sean Lynch** '95.

Krystal Fogg has recently begun to make some changes in her life. She quit her job and is taking some time off to figure out what she wants to do. There is a possible move in her future. A novel is also possible!

Kelly Conerly is still working for NSWC in Dahlgren. She and her husband live in their newly built house in Spotsylvania County. Kelly shares an office with classmate **Steve Lando**, who is living in Fredericksburg with **John Richard**.

Peter Steinberg wrote that he is working for E*Trade Bank in Arlington. He also mentioned that his name will soon be in print — in the "Acknowledgements" section of a book, *The Unabridged Journals of Sylvia Plath*. **Kevin Berry** '95 lives in Richmond and works for Saxon Mortgage as an account manager.

Erica Blair, **Joanna Osborne**, and **Amy Wood** recently returned to England to relive their experience there after graduation. The ladies had high tea at Harrods, saw *Hamlet* and *The Tempest* at the Globe Theatre, and took a day trip to Bath to see Dr. Gardner Campbell, an English professor from MWC. Amy works in the marketing department at Ernst & Young. Erica began her first teaching job, teaching English to sixth-graders in Maryland. She is also going to be a bride in December. **Jessica Fulmer** is in Atlanta teaching geography to ninth-graders. Amy also told me that **Matthew Ladenheim** has moved to Seattle for his clerkship after graduating from law school last spring.

Many of our classmates are enjoying new bundles of joy. Congrats to **Lisa Blackley Dmochowski** and husband **Mike Dmochowski** '95, who were expecting their first baby in November. **Anne Brock Chlebos** and husband **Rick Chlebos** '97 welcomed Sophia Estelle in May. The new family lives in Illinois. **Lisa Vanbourgondien Chown** and her husband, Chris, live in California with their new addition, Thomas Aiden. **Lauren Smith Dellarova** is busy keeping up with her 1-year-old twins, Katherine Alyce and Elisabeth Marie. Also chasing after a 1-year-old are **Corrie Henson Kelly** and **Brendan Kelly** '95. Brendan is still employed at the Defense Intelligence Agency. Corrie enjoys being a stay-at-home mom and will begin going to grad school to start her degree in guidance counseling.

Susie Thorpe Ensign sent news of her marriage to **Chris Ensign** '95 last June. Susie also said that **Rick Schettler** has returned from his Peace Corps assignment in Paraguay, and that **Sam Morris** has returned from a year in Belize.

Lisa Ackerman is getting ready to come home from her work in Central America. She has been in El Salvador working for human rights and solidarity for a non-governmental organization, *Centro de Intercambio y Solidaridad*. Lisa's work brings her together with small artisan cooperatives to help them develop their businesses.

Wedding bells will be ringing in 2001 for **Wendy Klimmek** and her fiancé, Jack King. Wendy, who taught high school for three years, now works for the government.

Terry Kidd '95 lives in Charlotte, N.C., and works as a paralegal/accountant in a small law firm. Terry is busy studying for the GRE and singing in the Charlotte Symphony Chorus.

1998

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I had such a great response for this issue of *MWC Today*! Keep up the good work, Class of '98.

Michelle Ayers is pursuing a master's in social work at VCU and working for an attorney. Meanwhile, **Jeremy Blain** claims to have won the "Big Lotto" jackpot, but chose to keep his day job at Arthur Andersen and his house in Bethesda. Jeremy recently broke his leg playing soccer, and we wish him well in his convalescence. **Dabney Boye** still lives in Annapolis and works as a sales operations manager for Intellectual Development Systems. She recently took an excursion to Ireland and loved every minute of it.

Jen Carter couldn't be happier than she is living in Oakland, Calif., and working as a resident Jesuit advocate at the San Leandro Shelter for Women and Children. I'm told that **Mike Cerami** is taking a short respite from Boston and is living and working in Munich. **Catherine Cogut** spent her first year out of school at the U.S. Patent and Trademark office and is working toward her graduate degree in chemistry at UMass-Amherst. Also in Massachusetts is **Kyle Courtney**, who recently finished his first year at Suffolk Law School.

I see **Alex Coyner** every day, since he and I work together at MCI WorldCom. Alex is a provisioner and is looking forward to dedicating

himself to his lovely bride-to-be, **Ellen Harris**. Alex recently passed his U.S. citizenship exam and will be sworn in as a citizen by publication time. Ellen recently joined the CCO team at MCI WorldCom. She and Alex are planning a July 2001 wedding. In her spare time, Ellen continues to study painting and metalsmithing.

Alison Crumling finished her master's degree in biological psychology from UNC-Chapel Hill, took a well-deserved vacation to St. Croix and accepted a position with the FBI.

My long-time friend, **Taylor Dupuis**, has exciting news. She accepted a position with MCI WorldCom last December and is planning a fall 2000 wedding to her long-time love and fellow MWC grad, **PK Hensel**. I hear **Sheila Elledge** still lives in Boston with **Nicole Levangie** and still works for Chubb Insurance. Meanwhile, **Susan Foster** is rooming with **Wendy Sulc** in Baltimore and recently received her master's in counseling psychology from Loyola College. **Erika Giaimo** and **Deacon Chapin** live in Dover, N.H., with their dog, Pabst. Deacon works for Eastern Topographics, and Erika works for the UNH Office of Admissions.

I hear that **Christina Harakal** lives nearby in Portsmouth , N.H., and works for Putnam Investments as a communications specialist and writer. **Wes Heuvel** and I see one another pretty regularly. Wes lives and works in Manhattan for an EBusiness Solutions company, where he is in the marketing department.

Jenn Holtzinger still lives in Boston, despite the best efforts of her friends to convince her to move to D.C. She's working for a start-up software company. **Caitlin Jenkins** is in Arlington with Courtney Lamb and works for the National Gallery of Art. **Joselle Poblete** is living the good life in Sacramento, Calif., where she works for Barclays Global Investors as a securities lender. **Matt Kauppi** lives in Fairfax and works for Lockheed Martin. **Betsy Kiger** is managing the Hyatt Hotel at the Reston Town Center in Reston, Va., and is living in nearby Sterling. **Alexis Kingham** has been running marathons, scuba diving, touring through Puerto Rico and studying organic chemistry. **Laura Letchworth** lives in Falls Church, Va., and works for MRJ Technology Solutions as a GIS analyst. She ran the San Diego marathon with Alexis last spring, where she was cheered on by **Tim Selgas** '97.

Nichole Levangie is the assistant dean of admissions at Massachusetts College of Communications and lives with **Sheila Elledge**. **Brian Lusk** is in NYC and is working for Anderson Consulting. The lovely **Betsy Maldonado** is a social worker and runs a group home in Falls Church. She says she loves her job, she loves her roommate, **Heather Siderius**, and her boyfriend, Drew. My old Senate compatriot, **Abby Mitchell**, has accepted a new teaching job in her hometown of Virginia Beach. Meanwhile, **Jayme Morris** is working in human resources at Fleet Bank. Thanks to Jayme for catching me up on the rest of the Boston crew.

Amanda Newman is working as a legislative assistant for Representative Karen Thurman of Florida. She is also pursuing a master's degree in international affairs from George Washington U. Last I heard, **Mike Paolino** is moving back to the NOVA area after spending some time in San Diego. He continues to work for Booz-Allen & Hamilton and plays in the band Red Moon Lounge. Also working for Booz-Allen & Hamilton is **Brian Pederson**, who recently moved to Boston with his wife and daughter. **Erin Rodman** is living in Long Beach, Calif., and attending Film School at Loyola U. She is happy as a lark and spends her free time schmoozing with the rich and famous.

I understand **Ed Schreiner** is living in Alexandria and was expecting to finish his master's degree in urban and regional planning from Va. Tech last December. **Heather Siderius** finished her third and final year of physical therapy school and is running marathons. Another great athlete, **Felicity Smith**, is coaching women's lacrosse at Nichols College. **Matt Swartz** left MCI for Net 2000, where he is the CEO's right-hand man. He is living happily with his lovely wife, Kelly, and their retriever, Daisy Sunshine.

Jason Szatmary works in Boston for Sapient. **John Tani** is working in New York City for the Treasury Department. **Sandy Tennyson** lives in Georgetown and works for the U.S. Park Service. **Lars Thestrup** is working to finish his master's in anatomy in Richmond, Va. He moonlights as a whitewater raft guide. I hear **Sean Tuffy** took a break from the U.S. by living and working in Dublin, Ireland. Meanwhile, **Chris Vanhorn** lives next door to **Jason Clark** '99 in South Boston and works for State Street Global Advisors. **Amy Wachenfeld** is studying for her Ph.D. in clinical psychology and is planning a July 2001 wedding. **Sean Wilmer** is yet another Mary Washington grad turned Bostonian. Finally, **Tom Zarcone** was married in 1999 surrounded by friends: **Brian Graziano** served as his best man and Jason Szatmary was a groomsman. Tom lives in South Royalton, Vt., with his lovely wife, Kim, and their two dogs, Beau and Sierra.

Alison Breland lives in Richmond and is working on her Ph.D. in biopsychology at VCU. **Amanda Reeve** is living in Dillwyn, Va. For the past two years she has been working at New Dominion School, a residential wilderness school and treatment program for adolescent boys with emotional difficulties. She really enjoys both her job and living in the country with four cats.

Stephanie Thornton is living in Arlington, hard at work in her second year of graduate school for art history at American U. in D.C. She works part time at Dumbarton Oaks in Georgetown and sees **Caitlin McGurk** from time to time, who also works at DO. And when she has time to be social, she visits her Arlington neighbors, **Alex Beguin** and **Rob Thormeyer**. Alex has been working for AOL for some time, and Rob just started a new position with the McGraw-Hill publishing company. Somehow, they've gotten her into NFL football. Stephanie writes that she is still close with **Megan Wheeler Stewart**, who has a fantastically cute house in Falls Church, Va., with husband **Chris Stewart** '96, and is now an English teacher.

Kim Rainbow recently graduated from the Medical College of Virginia with a degree in clinical laboratory sciences. She works in Fredericksburg as a medical technologist. **Lee Ann Reaser** lives in Fredericksburg and works at MWC as the assistant director of annual giving.

Angie O'Connor lives in Richmond and works as a recruitment researcher at Capital One. She is pursuing her M.B.A. from Virginia Commonwealth U.

As for me, I've been very fortunate these past few years. I still work for MCI WorldCom, though I am planning a move to graduate school, where I will study for my master's of elementary education. I will be an old married woman by the time *MWC Today* is published.

Best of luck to all of you!

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Hello recent grads! The summer has ended, and many of us no longer call Mary Wash home. Where are we? Let's take a peek.

There are many of us residing in Northern Virginia, such as **Kristen Bertini**, **Steve Donahoe**, **Derek Coryell**, **Heather Harwell**, **Marisa Bodnar** (works at GSA), **Nick DiJulio** (works for Arthur Andersen's tax department), **Lindsay Lloyd** (computer company), **Peter "Pook" Gonyo** (computer company), and **Nick Bondurant**. **Heather Martinsen** is a teen counselor and is planning a wedding for September 2001. **Erin Dempsey** is working in D.C. doing historic preservation. **Josh Maddox** was spotted on the VRE, commuting to D.C. for work. I ran into **Erin Domangue** and **Beth Geiger** (works at *The Washington Post*) at a party this summer. They informed me that they had just moved in with **Maylian Pak** and **Joy Barnes**; they have a townhouse in Fairfax, Va.

There are two classmates working for Exxon/Mobil: **Kelli Schaeffer Makin**, who was married this summer, and **Peter Zachariasen**. MCI WorldCom grabbed **Blaine Ashworth** to do work in Ashburn.

There is a group of grads who are living in FredVegas: **Geoff Bradley**, **Sean Otto**, and **Brien Roberts** are all traveling the East Coast, recruiting future MWC students; **Stacey Christopher** works for Dr. Frackleton's law firm; **Rob McDowall** is hanging out and working at GEICO; **Jeffrey Dehart** is an assistant coach for the MWC swim team; and **Ben Preston** is also in Fred.

We have a few teachers: **Teresa Franklin**, who is student-teaching in Northern Virginia; **Jerry Podorski** is teaching high-school biology in Maryland; **Jim Reagan** can be found in math classrooms in New Jersey; **Emily Wilkinson** taught music at two schools and is a music teacher at a private school in Columbia, Md.; **Kristin Ward** is living it up in her own apartment and teaching kindergarten in Maryland; **Dianna Hansen** is teaching high-school math in Fairfax County, Va.; **Stacey Ladd** is also teaching; and **Heather E. Carter** is teaching in a Fredericksburg-area school.

Eva Ross is working at Whitehall-Robins Healthcare as a technical writer and will be wed next June; the couple bought a house in the West End of Richmond. **Kimberly Meyers** works for a computer firm in Richmond. **Courtney Quinn** is also in Richmond, working for a marketing firm. **Sarah Stacy** lives in Westchester, N.Y., and works in Manhattan. I heard from the Writing Center that **Kevin Cain** got a job working in Berlin, doing international relations between the USA and Germany for Atlantik-Bruecke. **Sarah McElroy** is going to work in England for a few months. **Brian Turner** was commissioned into the Marines on graduation day.

Heather Carter is in the midst of buying a home and is getting married in June 2001. **Jessica Cebula** is continuing her education by attending the U. of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey as a first-year med student. **Kate Amey** is studying psychology at the UNC at Greensboro. **Geoff White** and **Dixie Spore** are attending Eastern Virginia Medical College. **Mariah Butler** is attending law school.

As for me, I am working in recruiting at a technical consulting firm, Booz Allen & Hamilton, in Northern Virginia.

Please update me with exactly what you want me to share with your classmates. This is the best way to keep informed.

IN MEMORIAM

Hyland Wollard Mullen '23
Sara Fallowfield '32
Elizabeth King Hudson '32

Edna Daniel Sheaks '36
Alma Potter Howard '37
Elizabeth Waddell Watson '39
Adelaide Rosborough Thorpe '41
Grace Ball Bridges '44
Nancy Wright Candelori '44
Christine LaVonne Coward Schurman '44
Love Wohnus Sutphen '46
Verna Brown Leonard '47
Page B. McAllister '48
Dora Harper Hall '49
Martha Foster Kohr '51
Nancy Richardson Donofrio '53
Nell Amos Walthers '54
Ann H. Elekes Nichols '61
Jean P. Quintella Bechtel '73
Susan L. Belter '75
Mary Beth Dowell Lynch '80
Kimberly S. McCall '83
Bettie Simpson Breeden '84
Linda Scott Kezer '92
Angela Chang Nies '95

Henry Weldon "Harry" Hewetson, professor emeritus of economics and political science

CONDOLENCES

Preston Brown Twigg '36, who lost her husband
Lucy Pierson Welsh '37, who lost her son
Phyllis Quimby Anderson '44, who lost her mother
Frances Smith Copeland '44, who lost her husband
Marjorie Mercer Cox '44, who lost her husband
Mary Ellen Gardiner Starkey '44, who lost her husband
Nancy Green Chilcott '45, who lost her mother
Ravis McBride Carter '47, who lost her husband
Rita Brahs Hawkins '52, who lost her husband
Priscilla Roberts LeFurgy '52, who lost her husband
Nancy Parker Richardson '52, who lost her husband
Hermine Gross Fox '56, who lost her husband
Beverly Stone Bowers '61, who lost her husband
Susan Farnham Piatt '68, who lost her father
Suzanne McCarthy Van Ness '69, who lost her husband
Laura Lowe Collins '80, who lost her father
Diann Davis Harris '81, who lost her father
Jennifer Goodwin Donegan '82, who lost her mother
Andrea Goodwin DeCourcey '90, who lost her mother

Margaret Chase
1908-2000

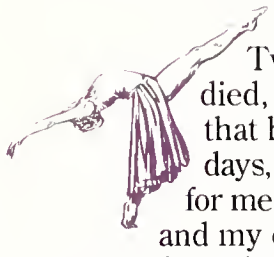
My beloved grandmother, Margaret Chase, worked at Mary Washington for 20 years as a resident adviser, at "Tri-Unit" as well as other residences, retiring in 1979 to return home to Kilmarnock, Va. She very often talked lovingly about "her girls" at MWC and regularly corresponded with more than a few. She also received every edition of *MWC Today* and read it cover-to-cover straight out of the mailbox.

Regrettably my grandmother passed away late last October. She was 92 and lived by herself until the very morning of her death, fiercely independent until the very end.

Knowing how important Mary Washington was to my grandmother, her 20 years there, how dear "her girls" were to her, and how many there were whose lives she perhaps touched, I wanted to let readers of *MWC Today* know of the passing on of Margaret George Chase.

— Hank G. Chase

Susan Mulholland Breedin '86



Two days before she died, she said something that has in these following days, come to provide a way for me to look at her life, and my own.

It was a Saturday afternoon. Lush peonies arched in vases. Her mother asked, "Would you like to have some ice cream?"

"I would like Genine to do something," she responded clearly. I leaned forward in my chair, "What would you like me to do?" I asked, eager for something specific. "Just something," she said. I listed some things, but remained sitting in the chair facing the bed, her hand in mine.

Later that night, I came to interpret what she said more broadly than the simple request I had hoped for, to adjust her pillow, give her some water. Came to think of it as an injunction: *Do something.* I thought about how many times I had had the experience of Susan as someone who, rather than ruminating, rather than being sunk in thought, did something. She knitted small miracles of wool for Olivia and Maddy; she wove lavender wands; she taught children to dance; she choreographed shows for the College; she packed backpacks for school.

Gregg Stull, the chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance, spoke of Susan's gifts as a teacher. Gregg told me that at the beginning of the spring semester, Susan had decided not to teach, but that after she walked into the studio on that first day of classes, she knew that she couldn't stay away. He said, "Teaching gave her a life energy that she couldn't get anywhere else. The studio was a place where she didn't have to be sick. It was so important to her to keep on teaching. That will always stick with me."

Susan clarified for me what it means to have a gift. And to do something with that gift. She of course had many gifts, and shared them with great generosity.

The one that seemed central, a major part of what made Susan Susan, was the talent for movement.

Kelly Hogan, one of her MWC dance teachers, recalled how Susan was such a wonderful student to teach. "She learned fast. She had a natural ability for movement," Kelly said, "She was beautiful, physically beautiful. But what made her memorable for me in the "St. Matthew Passion," the piece I choreographed her in, was something deeper than that. She had a quality about her that was almost holy, something inner. She'll always be part of that dance, part of that remembrance for me."

On the day before she died, I sat next to her and told her that I felt her spirit filling the room, that as her body had diminished, her spirit had grown larger. Still there was her body — the one I had known her in — in health, the full assertion of health.

Sitting there with her in her living room, I asked her if I could hold her hand, interpreted the rise of her eyebrows as a yes and held it quietly for awhile. I studied her hand with mine, thought of how her hands knit so many beautiful things, a strawberry shaped children's cap, a bulky hand spun wool pullover, a delicate cotton cardigan for a newborn, every stitch even and calm, each row a measure of her generosity of spirit.

I watched her breathing, listened. All I could think of was one word: *Steep.* That she had been learning on a very steep curve. A sheer rise straight up in front of her had been climbing for I don't know how long. I put my head down, the metal rail against my forehead and thought of my own lessons I had been learning, and had come through still in my body, still here.

And I wanted her to be able to be here in her body on the other side of what she was learning. I said, "so much to learn," through tears, my head down. I thought I was holding her hand, that I was offering her something, something like comfort. My palm against hers. I felt very clearly at that moment, something subtle but unmistakable. That she was now holding my hand, that something poured from her to me then. I don't know what it was, but it was Susan — strong, knowing, knowing something I couldn't yet.

What remains with us is what moves beyond the body, the line that extends beyond the reach of the physical. In dance class, often what distinguishes the gifted from the other in the room, is the ability to extend the movement beyond the line of the body. I think of Susan now that way, that her body made shapes and directed energy around those shapes. What is left with us is what she set in motion, the extension of the line of what she did in life, the motion beyond her fingertips.

What we will always see is what moves beyond the reach of her body, the lives of her daughters, Olivia and Maddy. What we will always feel is her love for them, her love for her husband, David, for her mother, her family, her friends, her students. The energy that continues in her absence, the love she set in motion.

— Genine Lentine

Genine Lentine '84 is a free-lance writer living in New York.

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Susan's family has established a fund with the Mary Washington College Foundation to endow a scholarship in her name. Gifts in memory of Susan may be sent to the foundation at P.O. Box 1908, Fredericksburg, VA 22401-1908.

Susan shown with her children, Olivia (left), and Maddy, in a cherished photograph.

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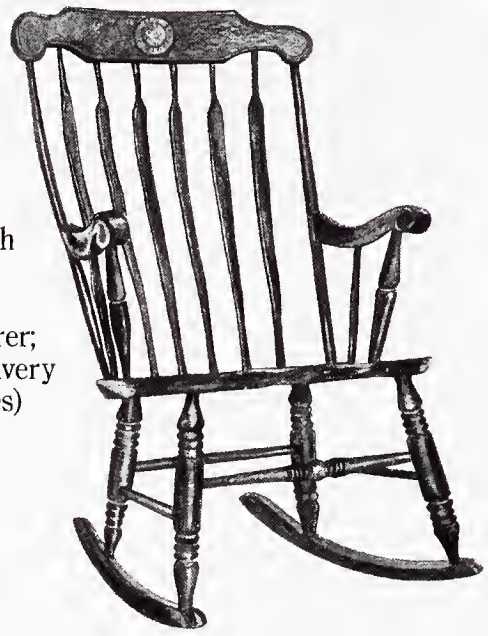

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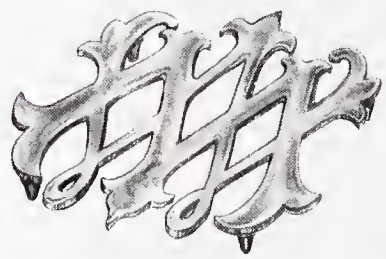

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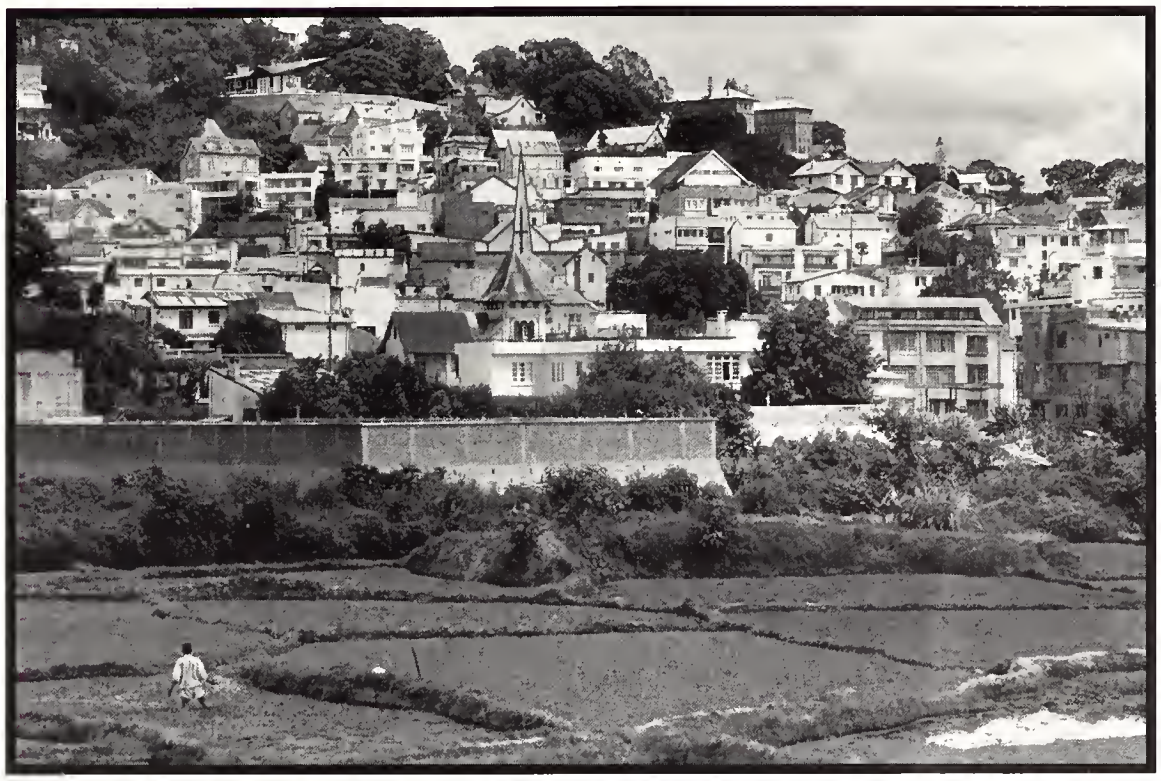
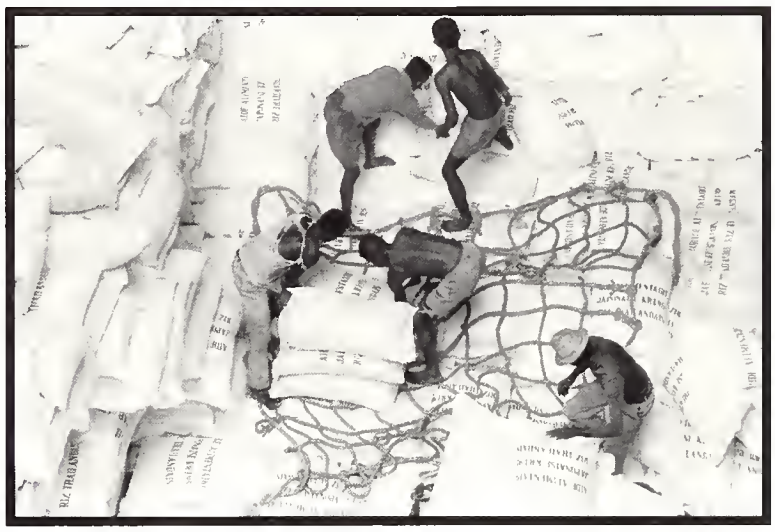
The Face of Madagascar



◀ *You want to live on the land of the King, but not follow his rules.*

If someone works but does not profit, help him for he is a victim; but if he crosses his arms and does not work, then let him suffer. ▼



▲ *May your friendship not be like a lamba made of raffia which, though wrapped three times around your shoulders, falls away.*

Your achievement is the beauty of your life. ▶

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